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LETTERS

No 15

From March 18th 1876

To July 13th 1876.

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March 18th 6

Gentlemen

Please forward $1.872.18 in gold coin, Double Eagles, of full weight in payment of 60 Brls. Sweeps purchased by you under date of the 17th inst.

Very Resp'y Yours
Jas. Collock
Supt

R. Longman's Sons
31 John St.
New York

24.896 pounds @ $7.52 per hundred $1872.1

Mar. 18th 6

Gentlemen,

Your bid for Cos Bros. Sweeps at $7.50 per hundred pounds is respectfully declined.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Powell
Supt

E. I. Balbach & Son
Newark
N.J.

March 18th '6

Gentlemen.

Your bid for 60 Pols. Sweeps is respectfully declined. Please accept our thanks for your offer.

Very Resp'y

J. W. Pollock
Supt

C. S. Dennis & Son
38 & 40 Walnut St.
Newark
N. J.

March 18th

Gentlemen.

Your bid for 60 Brls.
Swaps is respectfully declined

Very Resp'y
Jas. Collins
Supt

W. C. Waters & Co.
No. 17 John St.
New York

March 18th 6

Gentlemen.

Your bid for 60 Bbls. Sweeps is respectfully declined.

Very Resp'y

Jas. Collord

Supt

Messrs. Howard, Möhle & Devinne
No. 1 John St.
New York

Mch 18 6

Sir

I enclosed herewith & forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending March 18. 1876.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.
W. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 18th 56

Sir.

I would respectfully invite your attention to the Recoinage &c herewith submitted, and inquire whether the closing thereof by a Draft in usual form should not be accomplished.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Pollock
Supt

Hon. Jno. C. Frew
Sec'y Treas U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Mch 18, 6

Sir

I have received from you a printed copy of the Bill submitted by the proper committee of the House of Representatives, making appropriations amongst other things for the support of Mints and Assay offices.

In reply to your inquiry as to which amendments may in my opinion be required to enable this Mint to transact its business properly, comply with the regulations, and meet the work required of it, I have to remark, generally, that the sweeping reductions proposed in the bill must, if adopted, inevitably embarrass

the operations of this Mint, and seriously impair its usefulness and efficiency during the next fiscal year, a result which the Committee could not have intended.

The work thrown upon the Mint will be largely increased next year, arising from the coinage expected from the Government and new appropriations and working force should be increased rather than diminished. The reduction made in the bill of twenty per cent (20.00) in the item of Wages, would require a reduction of twenty five per cent in the number of employees in the Melting & Refining and in the Coining departments, on which the blow would fall the heaviest

and then it is essential that we should not part with skilled hands even in slack times, still less when working under increased pressure.

A reduction, as proposed of sixty six per cent in the item of contingent expenses will simply put it out of my power to procure supplies to carry on our operations, and make necessary repairs. Any unusual breakage of machinery would close the Mint until the next meeting of Congress, unless funds could be at my command for immediate repairs; and without an adequate, but economical supply of the diversified materials necessary to the proper conduct of such an institution as this, our operations would be

called to a halt before the year would be out, as our work become tardy, difficult and imperfect. The time honored reputation of this Mint should not be thus compromised, now the public business and interest in getting returns from bullion deposited. The loss and injury both ways, would be without any compensating benefit in any direction.

The proposed use of the refining and parting charges for current expenses would fall far short of the requirement. The total amount of these charges from July 1. 1875 to March 15. 1876 (nearly nine months of the fiscal year) being only $2.186.82. It would require a large increase in these charges

to make up the reduction pre-
scribed by this bill in wages
and incidentals alone. If he
were authorized to draw upon
the "Gibson profit fund" so far
as might be absolutely necessary
it would effectually relieve the Mint
from the embarrassment of in-
sufficient appropriations for wages
and incidentals. The Mint is more
nearly self-supporting than any
other government institution,
and should be dealt with justly
and liberally.

I invite your attention to
two inclosed communications
on this subject from Prof. Booth
one Melter & Refiner, his official
testimony is temperate but con-
clusive, and applies, in princi-
ple, with equal force to every
other department of the Mint.

The proposed sweeping reductions of the salaries of Mint Officers and Clerks, which are now lower than they ought to be, and many of them lower than corresponding positions elsewhere, is calculated to degrade and demoralize the public service and impair its efficiency.

Prior to 1870 the duties and responsibilities now devolved upon the Superintendent of this Mint on a salary of only $4,500. were divided between two officers whose joint salaries amounted to $8,000. The change made a saving of $3,500 a year in Mint expenses at the cost of the present Superintendent upon whom was imposed this double duty without any

increase of salary. Five hundred dollars ought to be added to his salary instead of five hundred taken off. I can see no just reason for the proposed reduction in this case.

The salaries of the respective heads of the operative departments of the Mint are now at least twenty five per cent below what they ought to be. If they cannot be increased, they certainly ought not to be diminished. The reduction proposed in the bill is an injustice and a humiliation to which those officers ought not to be subjected. I refer again to what the Melter & Refiner has so feelingly and conclusively said on this point. I can add nothing to the force of his appeal. The personal

character, and professional skill and attainments indispensible in these responsible positions, the vigilant oversight required, and the constant anxiety of such trusts, demand kindly recognition and a respectable compensation for the services rendered.

The Assistant Coiner, Melter & Refiner, and Assayer, fully and fairly earn, and need every dollar of the salaries they now receive. The reduction suggested in the Act would be unfortunate, and discouraging to them.

I very much regret the reduction recommended in the salaries of the Mint Clerks, especially the Cashier, Cabinet Clerk and Book-Keeper, whose positions

are more important than the duties indicate, and whose compensation has never been equal to the services rendered. Their clerical duties have been more than doubled since 1870, and their salaries ought not to be less than $2,500. each. The onerous clerical and manual labor performed by the Cashier, with the help of only one assistant counter, would deservedly command in Banks and rail road offices not less than $3,000. a year. The Book-keeper's position is one of great labor and peculiar importance in the operations of the Mint, far more so than in a counting house. His duties have been increased almost four fold under the Coining Act, and it is due to this overtasked

officer that he should have a living compensation, which the bill infortunately does not give him.

The Chief Clerk has as much as he can do, and all three of these positions are filled by gentlemen, of known character and intelligence and standing, who faithfully give their best services to the government with vigilant fidelity and zeal, and who certainly deserve, in return, the moderate living for themselves and their families that I have recommended.

The omission of the word "each" after the word "fifty" in line 877, page 36, I had supposed to be merely an error in transcribing. If I am mistaken in this then the sentence as printed is the

result of a misapprehension on the part of the Committee.
The section as it stands connects the Cashier and Chief Clerk with both one incumbent for both positions, and one salary, and that insufficient for either position. Whereas, This consolidation you know to be physically impossible. The duties of the two positions are essentially different in character and location, and could not be united in one person, tho' although would be hopeless. The Cashier has all that he can do, his own duties by his whole time and efforts from the opening to the closing of the Bank and he could not take upon himself the duties of Chief Clerk, even if by

were within reach of his office. Nor could the Chief Clerk act as Cashier without abandoning his own desk, which now requires his whole time and services.

A Cashier cannot be dispensed with, and the 4th and 8th Sections of the Coinage Act, make the appointment of a "Chief Clerk" mandatory. His appointment having been made under the letter of the law, and the inherent necessity of the case, I respectfully and most earnestly protest that the salary now belonging to that position should not be abrogated or diminished.

There seems to be a misunderstanding on one point. There is no analogy between the Mint and a Subtreasury; for instance,

or a Custom House. They are essentially different in character, functions and organization. The latter are mainly places to receive and pay out money. The Mint on the other hand, is, in addition to all that, a manufacturing institution, employing about two hundred and sixty persons, (being a large reduction on former years) with the precious metals in every stage of manipulation, with five different departments, all independent and responsible checks upon each other, and the subordinate positions & chief named, checks upon the whole, and there can be no comparison between these three classes of institutions. They are diverse in character and functions, and

the laws creating and governing them.

I need not enlarge. your own official experience, and thorough knowledge of the wants and workings of the Mint, will enable you to furnish definite and reliable information with regard to this bill to both Houses of Congress. The operating officers of this Mint are a unit as to the impolicy and injurious tendency of the reductions recommended by the Committee.

Indulge me in the additional remark that I have conducted the operations of this Mint prudently, and with rigorous economy. There has been no extravagance or waste, and therefore no exceptional necessity

for any crippling limitation of our working resources. I only draw upon the Treasury once a month for necessary funds, and what is left over at the end of the fiscal year, is promptly covered into the Treasury; so that the Government is not prejudiced or the Treasury department embarrassed in the least, if our appropriations for wages and contingent expenses prove in the out-come to be slightly in excess of our actual needs.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Bloch
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

March 18 6

Sir

I herewith forward a letter to me of the 16th inst. from our Assayer, Mr. Du Bois, reporting the results of the assay of some small plates of metallic alloy brought to us for the purpose by Mr Yung Ping, an intelligent Chinaman, now in charge of the education, in this country, of some of his young countrymen.

Mr Ping would like to have an experiment of die made at the Mint for one of his proposed coins, & I recommend that his request be complied with. It could readily be done without interfering with the regular

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March 20th 6

Sir.

By direction and authority of the Secretary of the Treasury Treasurer of the U.S. under date of March 16th and the Director of the Mint, I forward to your office this day, Six hundred thousand (600.000) Dollars in gold coin for my credit on Bullion Fund &c. and to be applied for the payment of Silver Bullion purchased by the U.S. Please forward me a receipt for the same.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse

Asst. Treas. U.S.

New York

March 20 6

Mr. W. L. Sims.
Elyria
Ohio.

Sir

Yours of the 16th inst. inclosing a gold dollar for exchange, has been recd.

The Mint does not receive gold or silver deposits under 100, in value. The gold dollar you send we cannot receive on exchange as requested, on account of it being defaced and covered with solder. It is therefore returned.

Very Respy

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work of the Mint, and this act of official courtesy on our part, will cultivate good feelings, and may confer a benefit on the people of this country.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 20th 6

Sir.

I draw upon you this day in favor Eugene Kelly & Co, per check No. 6806, for Forty two thousand five hundred and twenty nine 62/100 Dollars, gold coin, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, Cal.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Conoch
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

March 20th 6

Gentlemen:

Please find enclosed my Check No. 6806 on the Ass't. Treasurer U.S. for Forty two thousand five hundred and twenty nine 62/100 Dollars, Gold Coin, being a payment on a/c. of Silver Bullion purchased by the U.S. from the Bank of Nevada, San Francisco, Cal.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Messrs. Eugene Kelly & Co.
New York

March 20th 6

Sir.

Under the authority given by the Treasurer of the U.S. per his letter of the 16th inst, and in conformity with your instructions of same date, I this day transmit to the Asst. Treasurer U.S. at New York, the sum of $600.000. in gold, for credit of my Bullion Fund, and to be used in the payments for Silver Bullion purchased.

I might state that $7.200. of the above sum were gold notes, received for sweeps sold, which I concluded might be very properly used in this way

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

Very Respectfully
J. A. Pollock
Clerk

March 21st 6

Gentlemen.

I have rec'd your remittance of $1872.18 in Gold and gold notes in payment of Co Bros. Sweeps. Please accept my thanks for the same and remove the Sweeps as soon as possible.

The charges for the above remittance were $2.75 which I paid the Agent of the Express Co, and as they were not contemplated in accepting your bid, you will confer a favor by refunding them.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock
Supt

R. Longman's Son's
31 John St
New York

Mch 22 6

Dear Sir

In compliance with the request of the Director of the Mint, at Washington, a copy of which I enclose for your information, I herewith send you the drawing referred to in his letter, of a stand to be erected in the Centennial Exposition, for a case of medals for the Messrs. J. S. and A. B. Wyan of London.

If I can be of any further service in the matter you will please advise me.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock
Supt

Mr. John Jordan. Jr
No. 820 Spruce. St
Phila

March 22d 6

Sir

At the request of the Treasurer of the U.S. under date of the 20th inst. I enclose you a statement of the a/c of the unsettled losses on the recoinage of light gold coins to date, and would respectfully request that you will cause it to be examined and the necessary steps taken for its final settlement.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
J. W. Pollock
Supt

Hon. B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Mch 23 6

Sir

We are entirely out of blanks for monthly Statements of Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion; Gold and Silver of Domestic Production; and Bars manufactured. Please forward a quantity of each by the 1st of April. proximo.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

P.S. Can we not be authorized to procure these articles here?

March 23d 6

Sir.

I deem it proper to inform you that but one shipment (30 Bars) of Silver Bullion purchased from the Bank of California has been received at this Mint, and that arrived on the 7th inst, the check for the same having been forwarded to their Agents in New York on the 10th inst.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 23d 6

Sir.

I draw upon you this day in favor Eugene Kelly & Co. per check No. 6807 for Forty four thousand nine hundred and thirty six 96/100 Dollars, Gold Coin, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, Cal.

I have, as yet, received no acknowledgement of $600000, gold coin, forwarded to you on the 20th inst.

Very Respectfully

J. H. Colyer

Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

March 20th 6

Gentlemen,

Please find enclosed check No. 6807 on the Asst Treas U.S. for Forty four thousand nine hundred and thirty six 96 Dollars gold coin, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased from Nevada Bank of San Francisco, Cal.

I would be glad if you would send all my checks for payment punctually, in order that my a/c with the Asst. Treasurer may be kept fully settled.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Colbert
Supt

Messrs
Eugene Kelly & Co.
New York

March 26 6

Sir

Herewith I return the three nickel pieces sent by you in your letter of the 22d inst. They are genuine without doubt. The error in weight of two of them, 1½ grains, is not unusual. One piece is much spoiled, as it might be by lying in the slops of a beer counter.

Let me say, the false pieces may be known, 1. by defective lettering, especially in the motto "In God we trust," or 2. by a want of smoothness on the edge, and a slight file mark.

I also send the two nickel pieces you ask for, viz. new nickel 5ct pc. 1875 and 1876.

The 10¢ currency, to which you refer, was not enclosed in your letter, consequently it was not received.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Powell
Supt

E. Washburn, Esq
Chief, Secret Service Division
Treasury Department
Washington
D.C.

Mch 27 6

Sir

You will please prepare and forward to the Mint at San Francisco, the following dies, to be made of the largest size steel.

Eighteen (18) Obverse Quarter Dollar
Eighteen (18) reverse do. do.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Wm Barber. Esq
Engraver

Mch 24 6

Gentlemen.

The tardy and irregular manner in which the cleaning of the Mint is done, piecemeal, is very unsatisfactory, and interferes with Mint operations. I have to request that you will give your immediate personal supervision to the fulfilment of your contract with me. From your reputation and standing as Marble men, I did not suppose there would be any difficulty, or that I would be subjected to any annoyance. I do not know or recognize any third parties in the matter.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Roe [illegible]

Messrs.
Atkinson & Mylberty.
Phila

Mch 24 6

Sir

In view of the near approach of the Centennial, and the increasing number of visitors to the Mint, the Curators of the Cabinet, from and after the 1st of April next, will be required to remain at their posts in the Cabinet, until one or half past one o'clock P.M. subject to such arrangements as the Chief Curator may prescribe, with my approval.

Very Respty
J. A. Pollock

Mr.
R. A. McClure.
Chief Curator of the
Mint Cabinet.

March 6

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Very Respectfully
Jos. Pollock

Mr.
R. A. McClelland.
Chief Curator of the
Mint Cabinet.

Mch 24 6

Sir,

The samples of ore enclosed in your letter of the 28d inst are only a composition of iron and sulphur, of no value.

Very Respectly
Jas Bryant
Capt

Mr
H. L. Hoke.
Du Bois
Pa

Mch 25 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending March 25. 1876.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mch 25 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending March 25. 1876.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mar. 25th 6

Sir

I mail thanks you for a State-
ment of the Silver received from your
Office on the 24th inst, none having
been received at this mint.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon. T. Acton

Supt U.S. Assay Office

New York

Mch 26 6

Sir

Your letter of the 22d inst. is received.

You cannot obtain any specimens in any metal of Dana Bickfords proposed international coin. (a ten dollar piece) Two or three pieces were struck for the authorities at Washington to illustrate the principle, and then the die destroyed, there being no authority of law for issuing such coinage.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pearl
Supt

Rev H. E. Hayden.
Brownsville
Pa

Mch 27 6

Sir

Your letter of the 26th inst, enclosing a copy of a communication from the Japanese Minister, addressed to the State Department, relative to an error in reporting an assay of a "gold 5 yen cutting from bar", has been received.

Upon referring to the assayers report and our records, we find, that in the case of the Japanese gold, the correct figures are -

Japanese assay 900.05
Our assay 900.1

There was no error made here. The real error, or confusion, is in reporting to five hundredths,

hundredths, which is imaginary work. Practically, the two reports above are the same.

Very Respectfully
Jas. A. Woodruff
Capt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mch 28 6

Sir

The coin you mention in your letter of the 24th inst. is a Colonial piece struck in England for Virginia. The coin is not very rare, and is worth from twenty five cts to a dollar or two, according to its condition, to coin collectors. We have a very good one in the Mint Cabinet.

I enclose you a card of a coin dealer, with whom you can communicate.

Very Resptly

J. H. Pollock

Supt

Mr.
Edgar. A. Goodwin
Cuckoo. P.O.
Va

March 28 6

Sir

On the 22d inst I received your letter of the 21st, enclosing a drawing from Messrs J. & A. B. Wyon, of London, of a stand or frame for the display of their medals at the Centennial Exposition. This drawing I sent the same day by Mr. Money in person, to Mr. John Jordan, Jr 820 Spruce street, according to your request, with a letter from me, a copy of which I herewith enclose, for your information. I have not heard from Mr. Jordan since.

I also duly received by Express the medal struck by the Messrs. Wyon in commemoration

of the recovery of the Prince of Wales, and have placed it in the Cabinet, in accordance with your directions. His receipt would have been acknowledged per next mail, but I delayed it in expectation of being able to forward also within a day or two, the three medals you requested for the Misses Ryan in return.

There has been more delay than expected in getting out the Diplomatic medal; and it is only to day that I am able to send you by Express, a copy, each, of the Metts, Agassiz, and Diplomatic medals, inclosed in a morocco case. You will observe in these medals a material improvement in the bronzing.

I enclose a bill for the

medals $5.50 in case they are
to be paid for, If they are
to be gratuitous, you will
please advise me, so that my
account may be adjusted accor-
dingly.

The case was of course
made outside of the Mint. I
endorse for payment Mr. Schlumes
receipted bill in duplicate for
the amount $5.50.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 28 6.

Mr Yung Wing

Dear Sir

I am now able to inform you what has been done, and how the matter stands, in regard to your application, to analyse certain metallic plates left by you, and to have Specimen Chinese Coins struck from them.

To this end I enclose a copy of a paper from our Assayer, which I forwarded to the Director of the Mint, in the Treasury Department.

I also enclose a copy of his reply.

These two letters seem to convey all that need be said, but I will add a few remarks, in which the Assayer agrees with me.

And first, it is obvious, that you will have to obtain the co-operation and consent of the

Chinese Embassy at Washington, in order to warrant us in striking specimen coins. You must understand, that the making of a coin, at the National Mint, is a very grave and important matter, whether it be for national or foreign use.

Secondly, we agree in saying, that you are not on the right road, in endeavoring to bring this alloy into use for coin. As already intimated, the silver in it performs no useful part, and is an absolute loss. It would be better to use the simple German Silver, which has no real silver, is a whiter metal than yours, and is used for coin in Switzerland.

That is, it would be suitable for the lowest grade of currency, to displace the cash. But when you come to "twentieths and tenths of a dollar" as you have, then by all means the great Empire of China ought not to be behind the Empire of Japan, and most other countries. It ought to have coins of the

usual standards, both silver and gold. This however, is not the place or time to discuss that point.

In regard to the use of your alloy for plate, (of which you send a specimen,) it is exposed to the same objection already made; it is of a blueish, cheap color, easily imitated by a much cheaper alloy. The same objection lies against our own nickel coins.

We will return the samples sent, at your request.

Yours truly

J. R. Pollock

Supt.

March 28 6

Sir

The ore you send is a carbonate of copper.

I do not know what it would be worth here, or who would buy it. Copper is obtained in native metal, in great quantities, and is at a low figure.

Yours &c.

Geo. Prevost
Supt.

Mr G. W. Snider
Denison, Texas.

March 28th 6

Gentlemen.

I enclose Checks Nos. 6808 & 6809 on the Asst. Treas. and in your favor, for the sum total of Seventy two thousand three hundred and four 97/100 Dollars, gold coin, in payment for Silver bullion purchased from Nevada Bank of San Francisco, Cal.

Check No. 6808 for $34.309.98
" " 6809 " 37.994.99
Total $ 72.304.97

Messrs. Eugene Kelly & Co.
New York

Very Resp'y Yours
J. V. Bloch
Supt

March 28th 6

Sir.

I draw this day in favor of Eugene Kelly & Co, Check No. —

6808 for $34.309.98

6809 " 37.994.99

Total $72.304.97

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Very Respy Yours

J. A. Colcock

Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse.

Asst. Treas. U.S.

New York

Mch 28 6

Sir

Yours of the 27th of Jany from Los Angels, with its enclosed mineral specimen, was forwarded to me by Dr Linderman, but the pressure of our regular Mint work left us no time to make assays for private parties. I therefore handed your sample of ore to Messrs. Booth & Garrett, Analytical Chemists of this City, of high standing in their profession, who assayed it, and prepared a report Feby 16th, which however they mislaid, and it did not come to light until to day. I now enclose that report for your information, togather with Prof. Booths explanatory

letter of this date. I also enclose for payment, Booth & Garretts bill for the assay. $5. which you will please remit to them, on receipt of this letter.

Very Respectfy
[illegible]
Supt

Thos. Fitch.
Palace Hotel.
San Francisco
Cal

March 30th 6.

Sir

I have seen a letter from the "Treasy Agt" of the Adams Express Co stationed at Washington D.C. which seems to render some words of explanation from me necessary.

The Agt of the Express Co alludes to, what he calls, the refusal of the Superintendent to deliver silver coin in instalments less than the face of the "Transfer Orders" issued by the Treasurer of the United States and to me directed. It is hardly necessary for me to say that I cannot pay out any moneys of the Government without a voucher for the same: and no voucher other than the Treasurer's order would be sufficient in a transfer of funds: furthermore my weekly Transcript

carried

could not show an entry of coin paid out on a/c.

Mr Thompson the agent of the Adams Express Co. located in the mint, did not feel at liberty to surrender the transfer Orders into my custody until he had received the silver. Hence I caused the whole amount to be delivered to him in lots of $10.000 – for each of the designated depositaries at Charleston, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago and Buffalo, one lot to be shipped daily to each place. Meantime the Express Co packed the coin in specie kegs and lodged the unshipped portion in my vault for security and convenience sake. There was some doubt in the Express Agents mind as regarded his ability to close out the Transfer Orders in the small shipments required before the close of the Quarter, because of an

insufficient

insufficient supply of Kegs for this large amount of coin. I could not permit a "Transfer Order" to bridge the Quarterly Settlement. nor should it be permitted, if it be possible to avoid it.

On this case the six "Transfer Orders" were signed by the Treasurer, the Register of the Treasury and the Secretary of the Treasury all for Fifty Thousand Dollars each — not in instalments. but in full, and therefore we had and could have no other vouchers for the coin delivered.

The plan adopted was the only feasible one, and while it met the directions of the Treasurer conformed fully to the terms of the "Transfer Orders".

The last instalment will be forwarded to-morrow.

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the Express Agt at Washington, ~~at Wash-~~
~~ington~~ directs the Agt at the Mint to
return all orders in future unless
I will deliver coin on a/c, leaving
the Transfer Orders in the custody
of the Express Co., I would respectfully
suggest that order requiring deliveries
in instalments less than the entire
amount, to be sent to any Depositary
or Asst Treasurer, be drawn so as
to cover only each instalment.
This would obviate all difficulties,
and would no doubt be satisfactory
to all.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Hon B. H. Bristow
Secty of Treasy
Washington
D.C.

March 31 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Monthly Report of Coinage executed for month ending March 31. 1876.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Bell
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mch 31 6

Sir

The specimens of ore enclosed in yours of the p 9 to inst, proves, upon examination, to be a coal-slate, with specks of sulphuret of iron, of no value.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr.
Wm Powels
New River Falls
Wa. Va.

Mar. 31st 6

Gentlemen

Enclosed please find Check No. 6810 on Ass't Treasurer U.S. favor of yourselves, for One hundred and twenty six thousand eight hundred and fifty one 07/100 Dollars, Gold Coin, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased from Nevada Bank, San Francisco, Cal.

Very Resp'y

[illegible]
Supt

Eugene Kelly & Co.
New York

Mar 31st 6

Sir.

I draw this day in favor Eugene Kelly & Co, for One hundred and twenty six thousand eight hundred and fifty one 07/100 Dolls. Gold Coin, in payment for Silver Bullion Purchased from Nevada Bank of San Francisco, Cal.

Very Resp'y

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

March 31 6

Sir.

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint with the following result

Gold	$1.849.338.69
Silver	913.738.27
Ord. & regular	26.057.49
Minor Coinage	106.502.58
" Coins Exchanged	3.868.52
" " Reissued	3.984.00
" Coinage Redemption	40.169.47
	$2943.656.02.

which corresponds with his books,

I also made examination into the general condition

and operations of the Mint
and the institution was found
to be in good working order,
and its business conducted in
a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 1 6

Sir

Enclosed I forward Coiners Monthly Report of Coinage executed for March 1876, corrected, together with letter from the Coiner calling attention to error in the number of twenty cent pieces as stated in report forwarded yesterday.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 1 6
April 1 6

Sir

I have to day forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, by the Adams Express Company,

18 Obverse Quarter Dollar Dies

18 Reverse do do do

of the largest size steel as required by your letter of March 23.

Express receipt herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Bowell
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 1 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiner's Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending April 1st 1876.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

April 1 6

Sir

I have frequent applications for the last annual list issued by Secretary of the Treasury, in circular form of the standard values of foreign coins as determined by the Mint assay. We have only one in the Mint, and that is framed; and the list in your last annual Report we cannot send out for the reports cannot be spared in any number for that purpose alone. I will thank you to send me, if possible, a dozen or two in separate sheets, for the use of our correspondents.

Hon. S. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

April 3 6

Sir

You will please prepare the following dies, without delay, and forward them by Express to the Mint at Carson.

Twelve (12) Reverse Quarter Dollar
Twelve (12) Obverse do do.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Wm Barber, Esq
Engraver

April 6

Sir

I enclosed herewith to forward, Statement of Minor Coins Redeemed, Reissued and Exchanged during the month of March 1876.

Also, for the Secretary of the Treasury, Statement of Minor Coinage Operations for month ending March 31. 1876.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

A. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

April 3 6

Sir

I herewith forward my requisition of this date for the sum of $24.400. for the service of this Mint during the current month of April, out of the following appropriations.

Salaries $3.400
Wages 21.000

Our "incidentals" fund now on hand is sufficient for our present wants.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

April 8 6

Sir

I have to day received by Express the fine gold and silver specified in your letter of the 1st inst in payment of the test coins from this Mint assayed at your office during the 1st quarter 1876.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt

Thos. C. Acton, Esq
Supt U. S. Assay Office
New York.

April 4 6

Sir

The proper decoration of the Mint building during the Centennial Exposition is a patriotic and obvious necessity, for the credit of the Government, and the reputation of the Mint. A committee, appointed by me for the purpose, consisting of Messrs. Rosbyshell, Cowden, James and T. Mirkel, have examined the subject, and advise me that the proposed decoration can be made at a cost not exceeding two hundred dollars ($200.) which estimate upon examination, accords with my own judgment. I enclose

enclose a copy of the Committees report for your consideration, and with your approval propose to carry out their recommendation. Please let me hear from you in reply, at your early convenience.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 14th 6

Gentlemen:

Please find enclosed Invoice &
No. 6811 in your favor, on the Asst.
Treasurer U.S. for Sixty nine Thou-
and Seven hundred eighty five 24/100
Dollars, Gold Coin, in payment of
Silver Bullion purchased from Ne-
vada Bank, San Francisco, Cal.

Very Respectfully Yours

Supt

Eugene Kelly & Co.
New York

April 4th 6

Sir.

I draw this day in favor Eugene Kelly & Co, Check No. 6811 for Sixty nine thousand seven hundred eighty five 24/100 Dollars, gold Coin, being payment for Silver Bullion purchased from Nevada Bank San Francisco, Cal.

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

April 4 6

Sir

Mrs. Emma Riddle, an Adjuster in the boiners department, at $1,75 per diem, resigned her position on the 31st of March, ultimo, and her name has been dropped from the pay rolls accordingly.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock
Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 5 76

The following report of the result of the assay of test coins from this Mint by the Assayer of the N. Y. Assay Office, for March 1876, has been handed to the Assayer, Coiner, and Melter & Refiner.

Denomination	Weight		Fineness	
	Grains.	Dec.	Gold.	Silver
Double Eagle	515.	9	900.1	8
Quarter Dollar	96.	9	trace	899.4
Dime	38.	6	"	899.5

James Pollock
Supt

for W & P.
Supts Clk.

April 5 6

Gentlemen.

The cleaning of the Mint walls appears to have been given up, no work having been done for three or four days past, and it is said your sub-contractor has abandoned the job. The time is short, and the necessity imperative, for the prompt fulfilment of your contract, you will please give the matter your immediate attention or we shall employ other parties, and charge the expense to you.

Very Respectfully

Messrs.
Atkinson & Mayberry.
22d below Market
Phila

April 5 6

Sir

I have increased the compensation of Lewis C. Leidy, counter in the Cashiers Office, from $4. to $5. per diem, the increase to date from the 1st of April, inst, and submit the same for your approval under the 4th Section of the Coinage Act of 1870.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pearl
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

P.S. Our Cashier, Mr Cobb, strongly urges this increase, on account of his ability and worth. J.P.

April 5th 6

Sir.

The following statement shows the cost & of transportation of Silver Bullion for Subsidiary Silver Coin and for Subsidiary Silver Coin, for the quarter ended 31st ult.o.

1876.				oz.	$
Jany.	From Assay Office	N.Y.		108.853.53	109.
	To Asst. Treas.	Do	Stm	100.000.	332.
	"	Do.	N.York	300.000.	300.
	From Assay Office	Do		125.414.63	126.
Feby.	"	Do.	Do.	293.424.57	294.
	To Asst. Treas	Do.		100000.	100.
					$ 1.261.

Very Respectfully Your
J.A. Colwell
Supt

Hon. H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 6 6

Sir

Upon the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst, I conferred with the Melter & Refiner and Boiner, a copy of whose written statements, in reply, I herewith enclose for your information, and have now to report that our present supply of silver bullion for subsidiary silver coinage will last about three weeks, and that between this date (April 6th) and June 15th, we can work up, say 1,500,000 ounces including the amount now on hand. We will endeavor to increase that amount by one third, if circumstances should require it.

Very Respectfully
J. M. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

April 6 6

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 5th inst, I have to state that on the 7th of March, ult, I received an invoice of silver bullion from the Bank of California as follows.

Weight per Bank Statement, ozs. 34,718.45
Value " " " $ 44,812.16
" " U. S. Mint Phila. $ 40,551.62

This is the only invoice I have received from the Bank of California, and I have no information as to when another consignment may be expected. I had intended notifying you of these facts, when your letter come to hand.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

April 6 '6

Sir

Referring to the enclosed copy of a communication recvd to day from Prof. Booth, our Melter & Refiner, I have to request that you will at your earliest convenience, make the desired special assay of the silver bullion received from the "Selby Lead and Silver Refining Co." as suggested by Prof. Booth, and advise me of the result.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Reed

Supt

Wm. E. DuBois Esq.
Assayer

April 6 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward my Report of Receipts and Deliveries at this Mint for the Quarter ending March 31. 1876.

Very Respectfully

A. Loud

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

April 7th 6

Sir.

I forward herewith my Ordinary Expense a/c. and vouchers for March 1876.

Very Respy Yours

[signature]
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 7 6

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 30th of March, ult, I herewith transmit a detailed statement of 500,000 ounces fine silver purchased on Government account from the Nevada Bank of San-Francisco, and delivered at this Mint

Very Respectfully
J. W. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 8 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Boiners Weekly Report of boinage executed for week ending April 8. 1876.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

April 8 6

Sir

By order of the Director of the Mint, you will please prepare a complete set of Standard coin weights, from the Double Eagle to the Dime inclusive, for the U.S. Mint at Carson, Nevada, and deliver them to me here to be tested and forwarded; accompanied by a duplicate bill against the Carson Mint to be paid by the Treasury Department at Washington. The Director requires them to be ready for shipment on or before the 16th of April, inst, and I have to request therefore that you give the matter your immediate attention.

Very Respectly

J. W. Ellwood
Supt

Mr.
Henry Troemner.
710 Market St.

April 8th 6

Gentlemen.

I enclose check No. 6812 in your favor, and on the Asst. Treas. U.S. for One hundred and Sixteen Thousand, eight hundred and eight 62/100 Dollars, Gold Coin, being the final payment in full for Silver Bullion purchased by the U.S. from the Nevada Bank San Francisco, Cal.

Please acknowledge per enclosed form.

Very Respy Yours

W. Elliott
Supt

Messrs Eugene Kelly & Co
New York.

April 8th 6

Sir.

I draw this day in favor of Eugene Kelly & Co. Check No. 6812 for One hundred and Sixteen thousand Eight hundred and eight 62/100 Dollars, Gold Coin, being the final payment for Silver Bullion purchased by the Government from the Nevada Bank San Francisco, Cal.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

P.S. I would be glad to receive a statement of my a/c. after the payment of the above Check.

J. P.

April 8 6

Sir

Your letter of the 7th inst has been received.

I fear, through some oversight, the certificate of examination to which you refer was not made and therefore I cannot give you the date. Mr. DuBois and myself were under the impression that it had been made last year, as it had been the year before; but on search and inquiry I cannot find the certificate. It will be made at the close of the present fiscal year.

The examination of all our weights by the last Assay Commission, ~~found~~ proved their entire

accuracy and conformity to standard. We also weekly, to a greater or less extent examine and test the scales and weights in general use.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 6

Sir

Standard coin weights are not made in the Mint as having no facilities for the purpose, but I have given an order to Mr Henry Grammer 710 Market Street for a set of weights for the Carson Mint called for in your letter of the 7th inst, to be adjusted by our Mr Thompkins, and ready for delivery on or before the 10th inst

Mr Grammer's bill against the Carson Mint will be forwarded to you for payment

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington.

April 8 6

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 1st inst, I have to day forwarded to the Superintendent of the Carson Mint by the Adams Express Co, whose receipt for the same I enclose.

12 Obverse Quarter Dollar Dies
12 Reverse " " "

Very Respectfully
J. W. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 8th 6

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer Order for Three thousand nine hundred and eighty four Dollars (3984) being the balance due as proceeds of minor Coins withdrawn from the Redemption Fund and Reissued.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon. Jno. C. New

Treasurer U.S.

Washington

D.C.

April 10 6

Sir

The two nickel 5 cent pieces enclosed in your letter of the 7th inst, and herewith returned, are counterfeit. They are precisely similar to others which we have examined, and some of which we have assayed, finding them to be made of copper and nickel in legal proportion. At a cursory view they are well calculated to deceive; but they may be known by the bad lettering of the motto "In God we Trust"

These pieces are struck, evidently, from dies. very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt

Hon. H. U. Wyman.
Asst Treasurer. U. S.

April 10 6

Dear Sir.

Yours of the 8th inst. enclosing a letter from Mr. Geo A. Whitmarsh, offering an old "Queen Catherine Medallion Coin" for sale to the Mint, has been received.

The medal, although interesting, would not be very desirable for the Mint Cabinet, which does not seek for silver medals.

The best way to dispose of it would be to ap[illegible] to a professional dealer, a[illegible] perhaps the one most convenien[illegible] to Mr. Whitmarsh would be [illegible]dward Bogan, 408 State [illegible]

Bro[illegible]lyn. N.Y.

Mr. Whitmarsh's letter, with enclosures, herewith returned.

Very truly yours

Jas. Pollock

Supt

T. Fraley, Esq. Secy
Centennial Bd of Finance
Phila

A

April 10 6

Sir

Yours of the 10th inst stating that you had forwarded to the Mint by Express, a box of silver bullion which you desired coined into half dollars, has been received.

You will notice by the enclosed circular that we cannot receive silver bullion for coinage into subsidiary silver coin, but only for trade dollars or fine bars. If you so desire, and direct you can have your bullion converted into bars, and the Agent of Adams Express bo, at the Mint, will sell them on Third St for half dollars, and ship to you.

Very Rectly
[illegible]
Supt

Mr. C. R. Coleman, Cashr. Baltimore

April 11 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Gold and Silver Bullion and Bullion Operations in the Melting and Refining Department for the month of March 1876. Together with a letter from the Melter and Refiner explanatory of the same.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

April 11th 6

Sir,

As requested in your Letter of the 8th inst, I herein enclose a statement, showing the total expenses of this Mint, for each fiscal year from 1870 to 1875 inclusive

Yours Respectfully

Supt.

To

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

April 12th 76

Sir.

Enclosed I beg to hand you Memorandums of 697 Silver Bars purchased by the U.S. Government from your institution, the value of which has been paid to your agents, Messrs Eugene Kelly & Co, New York, in compliance with your directions.

Very Respectfully Yours

Supt

Cashier
Nevada Bank
San Francisco
Cal

April 12th 6

Sir

So far as your statement of my a/c. goes, it is correct. There are, however, three more checks against the balance which you do not state. They are Nos. 6810 for $126.851.07

6811 " 69.785.24

6812 " 116.808.62

$313.444.93

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Polloch

Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse

Asst. Treas. U.S.

New York.

April 12th 6

Gentlemen

On the 8th inst. I forwarded to you my check for 116.808.62 gold coin, for credit of the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, Cal.

Your promptness in acknowledging prior remittances, and my failure to receive your receipt for the aforesaid check, leads me to fear you have not received it. Please advise.

Very Resp'y Yours
J. A. Pollock
Supt

Messrs. Eugene L. Kelly & Co
New York

April 12 6

Hon. Chas Albright.

Dear Sir

I received a letter on the 10th inst addressed to Miss. Bessie Hyndman from you, commending her to me for appointment in the Mint.

By Act of Congress the appointment of Ladies to the Mint, is made through the Coiner, who recommends.

There is no vacancy in the Mint, with a prospect of a reduction after June.

The deafness of Miss. Hyndman would be a very serious objection to her

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appointment to a sit-
ation in the Mint

Very truly yours

[illegible]

Stups

April 12 6

Sir.

Under instructions from Hon. R. W. Taylor, Treasury Department, and Dr. Linderman, Director of the Mint, I wish to know if I can have space in the United States Govt. Building, in the Centennial grounds, for the exhibition on the Mint, of a case of medals and U. S. coins. The case will be about six or eight feet square, and will be horizontal or vertical, as the location may require. I am referred to you by Genl. Hawley, Pres't of the Centennial Commission, and as the time is short and the proposed exhibit an

important one, will you be kind enough to favor me with an early reply.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Colwell

Supt

Lieut. Metcalfe.
Executive Officer
Govt Board
Centennial Comm.

April 12 6

Sir

Yours of the 11th inst has been received.

The piece you speak of is a coin of Pope Innocent VII. As you omit the size, kind of metal and denomination it is impossible to know its value.

Very Respt'ly

J. W. Pollock

Supt

Mr. R. W. Latham.
Port Clinton
Ohio

April 13 6

Sir,

Yours of the 7th inst enclosing P. O. order for $3. has been recd.

The package of mineral you mention has not come to hand.

We received a notice to day from the Penna R. R. Office that a package addressed to the Mint was in their possession marked "M Specimens" Cherokee bo Kansas; with $2.00 freight charges on same. If this is your property, if you will send me $2.00 to pay the charges, we will assay the ore for you. The Mint does not pay freight. Yours Respty

Jas Pollock
Supt

Wm E. D. Schermerhorn.
Ellsworth. Kan

April 14th 6

Gentlemen.

Referring to yours of yesterday and in consideration of the loss of the Original receipt through transmission by mail, I beg to enclose a duplicate for your signature, with the agreement, that should the Original be received, the enclosed will be returned to you for cancellation with promptness.

Inquiry at our Post Office fails to discover the lost receipt.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. W. Powell
Supt

Messrs
Eugene Kelly & Co.
New York

April 15 6

Sir

Yours of the 12th inst. has been received.

The head quarters of the "Mexican War Vet Association" is in Washington D.C. A.M. Kenaday, First Secy. Lock Box 37. from whom you can get any information on that subject you may desire.

The badges, or medals, were struck by the Mint for that Association, and will be distributed by them alone.

Very Respectly

[illegible]

Capt

Mr.
John Swain,
Jersey Shore
Pa

April 15 6

Sir

Immediately upon the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. I called in person upon Gen. Hawley, President of the Centennial Commission, with your letter, and its enclosed copy of the letter to you from Hon. R. W. Taylor, and had a conference with him with regard to the desired exhibit of U. S. Coins and medals at the Centennial Exposition. Before leaving him he gave me directions in writing, a copy of which I herewith enclose for your information. As suggested by Gen. Hawley I addressed a note to Lieut. Meredith applying for space in the Government Buildings

Building, and received a reply, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, he complained with his request. I yesterday sent Messrs. W.L. Pollock and Geo. R. Sibley, to the Government Building to confer with him in the selection of a suitable location for a medal case. They learned that it could only be placed in that portion of the building assigned to the Treasury Department, which is under the exclusive direction and control of Mr Taylor, and which is yet entirely unoccupied. From what the Clerk said as to the contemplated arrangement of that department, my committee learned that the medal case could only be placed in the North East corner of the Treasury Department

which they thought would be a very obscure place although well lighted. If you will examine the lithographed diagram of the building, No 1. in Mr. Taylors hands, you can judge of this for yourself. I, of course, will be governed by whatever allotment of space may be decided upon by Mr. Taylor and yourself.

All we have to show would be U.S. Medals, and the coins of 1876. and these can be exhibited in a glass case a little larger than one of our medal cases, and on the same vertical plan. or otherwise. It could be made in the Mint, and properly painted and lettered. A painted label inside the case, would state that that collection is supplied by the U.S. Mint at Phila delphia.

by order of the Director.

To do justice to the subject, both the obverse and reverse of the medals and coins should be exhibited. This would require duplicate sets, expressly to be returned after the exhibition. But while I can thus furnish the case and its contents under your direction, I could not be responsible for the medals and coins after they thus pass out of my actual possession. The sum of $400, if it was all available for the specific purpose, would not be sufficient to enable me to employ an attendant or watchman to remain in charge of the case and its contents, after it is once placed in the Government Building. The Treasury Department should

be responsible for its safe keeping and return to me. I should not be held accountable for what is not in my immediate possession or control.

I await such further instructions as you may have to give, after a further conference with Mr. Taylor.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 15 6

Sir.

The sulphuret of iron in powder, sent in your letter of the 12th. has been assed for gold and Silver.

The quantity sent was very small, but sufficient to show a small proportion of Silver, say fifteen ounces to the ton; also a trace of gold.

Very respectfully

J. W. Bullock
Supt.

Hon. A. R. Linderman
Director &c &c

April 18 6

Sir

I duly received your letter of the 10th inst. requesting me to furnish your office the monthly statement of Bullion operations in the Melting and Refining department of this Mint for the month of February 1876.

In reply I have to state that I forwarded the desired statement to you on the 10th of March last, using the following language inter alia in my letter of transmission of that date.

"I herewith inclose our Melting & Refining Statement of this Bullion operations and Silver melting for the month

of February last, and have to add that the silver we receive from Nevada works admirably and gives no cause of complaint. I herewith return the two letters from the New York Assay office." Which letter and its contents I know was received by the Director.

I now enclose herewith a copy of the Melter & Refiners Statement of Bullion operations and Silver melting for February last, as forwarded to you on the 18th of March. I also enclose a copy of the Melter & Refiners accompanying letter of explanation, under date of the 9th and 10th of March last, a copy having already been forwarded to you on March 18th.

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

Very Respectfully
Jas. Tolloch
Supt.

April 15 6

Sir

I have to request that you will send me a further supply of printed blanks for the Melter & Refiners monthly statements of Bullion operations. Those heretofore furnished from your office are entirely exhausted.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pocock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 15th 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Miners Weekly Report of Coinage for week ending April 15th. 1876.

Very Respectfully

[redacted]

Supt

Hon.

R. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

April 17 6

Sir

Yours of the 14th inst. enclosing $2, and requesting "one of the new dollars just ordered by Congress," has been received.

No new dollar has been ordered by Congress, therefore I am unable to comply with your request.

The $2. enclosed, is herewith returned.

Very Respectfully.

Lieut

Mrs
Wm Wade.
425 Main St.
Buffalo
N. Y.

April 17 6

Sir

I herewith forward amended Statements of the Melter and Refiner's Gold and Silver Workings for March 1876. including February also, together with a letter of explanation from him.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pogue
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

(Telegram) U. S. Mint
April. 18. 1876

Hon. A. R. Linderman,
Director Mint
Washington, D.C.

For April, Quarters five hundred
and fifty thousand and Dimes
two hundred thousand dollars.
Will run over time.

James Pollock
Supt

April 18 6

Sir

I duly received your letter of the 10th inst, advising me that this Mint would have to run next year, at its full capacity on silver coin, especially as the coinage could less be done than on the Pacific coast, and requesting me to give you an estimate of the amount of the appropriations that will be required for "Wages of workmen" and "incidental expenses" during the next fiscal year, to enable the Mint to meet promptly the increased demand.

In consultation with the Melter & Refiner and the Assistant Coiner, I have made a careful investigation of our probable

wants under the circumstances stated, and find that to execute the coinage required, maintain an effective working force, and procure the requisite supplies, we should have not less than One Hundred and twenty five thousand Dollars for incidental expenses, and Three Hundred and fifty thousand Dollars for wages. We shall undoubtedly have to work over time, and under such large operations continued with steady pressure throughout the year, the item of repairs will be much heavier than usual; and as want of funds for labor, material or repairs would, in emergency cripple and embarrass our operations, if not compel us to stop work for the time being, at least it would be much better than

a small surplus to cover into the Treasury at the close of the fiscal year, than a deficiency when Congress might not be in session.

I enclose the written opinion of our Melter & Refiner, very cautiously expressed, Mr. Bosbyshell, the Asst Coiner, whom I consulted, in the absence of the Coiner, who is now away, expressed verbally but strongly similar views with regard to the pressure upon the Coining Department, its workman and machinery. As you are aware I only draw upon the Treasury Department for funds in proportion to our current wants, the great bulk of our appropriation remaining in the U. S. Treasury until actually

needed; and our accounts are settled monthly.

The sums I have named are the very least that I can in ordinary prudence recommend to be appropriated for the period and purposes specified; and in this connection, and under the increased labor and still closer and more prolonged application to business required, I must respectfully and most earnestly protest against the cutting down of the salaries of Officers and clerks, in the Mint appropriations now pending in Congress.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

April 18 6

Sir

Your letter of the 14th inst and telegram and letter of the 17th inst in relation to the coinage of dimes and quarter dollars, has been received.

I have directed the coinage of dimes to be pushed with all the force at our command.- quarter dollars incidentally - and in order to meet the wishes of the Department have directed the men in the rolling and coining rooms, to work over time. The Melter & Refiner, within hours, can supply all the dime ingots that can be used by the Coiner, and more if required. By overtime in the Coiner's Depart-
-ment

we can largely increase the amount of dimes for May and June. But this overtime must be regulated by our appropriations, and will be very limited.

After full examination I find there will be about (all other things being equal) from twenty five hundred to three thousand dollars of the wages appropriation for month, that will be applicable to increase of force, and overtime for the remaining months of the present fiscal year.

The balance of the appropriation for "incidentals" will be barely sufficient for the rest of the year, just about enough to see us through, with economy, and no excessive wastage.

All that can be done, within our means, shall be done; and I have in addition requested our operative officers, particularly the

Metter & Refiner and Coiner, to give a constant and earnest personal attention to the duties of their respective offices, so that we may fully meet the wishes of the Department and the wants of the people.

I cannot now indicate what further amount would be required to accomplish a large coinage; but if we had more we could do more. I hope for next year the appropriations will be liberal and full. I have written to you on this subject today.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

April 18 6

Sir

I herewith return the Melter & Refiners duplicate Statements of Bullion operations for the month of "February" last, enclosed in your letter of the 17th inst. with a letter from the Melter & Refiner, explaining the discrepancies between the two statements.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 18 6

Sir

The three boxes annual assay coins from your Mint for the first quarter of 1876, specified in your letter of the 5th inst. were duly received.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson
Nev.

April 18 6

Sir,

The box of annual assay coins from your Mint for the first quarter of 1876, specified in your letter of the 6th inst. was duly received.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pearl

Supt.

O. H. Ga. Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco
Cal.

April 18 6

Sir

The sealed boxes of annual assay coins from the Mint at Carson, and at San-Francisco, for the first quarter of 1876, have been received at this Mint.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Colloch
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 19th 6

Sir

I hand you herein a Statement of the Melter & Refiner's Copper Alloy a/c. for the 1st Quarter 1876.

Statement.

		Oz.	$
Jany 1. 76.	Balance	121.697.98	1935.43
Mar 31.	Copper added	118.763.50	1888.76
	Balance	2.934.48	46.67

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

April 19 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Gold Workings, and Silver Workings in the Coiners Department, during the month of March 1876.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 20 6

Sir.

Yours of the 17th inst has been recvd.

Pure gold is 1000 fine, equal to 24 carats.

Standard gold coin is 900 parts fine gold, to 100 parts alloy (copper or silver) equal to 21 6/10 carats.

Very Respty

J. A. Bowen
Supt

Mr.
M. Sturm.
Clarksburg
West Va

April 20 6

Sir

Your draft of the 18th inst on New York for $1000, is herewith returned. The Mint has nothing whatever to do with the distribution of subsidiary silver coin to the public. Under the recent Act of Congress they are issued by the U. S. Treasury and Sub Treasuries, but only in exchange for redeemed postal currency.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

S. W. Henry, Esq. Cas.
New Bedford
Mass.

April 20 6

Sir

Your draft of the 17th inst on New York for $100. is herewith returned. The Mint has nothing whatever to do with the distribution of subsidiary silver coins to the public. Under the recent Act of Congress they are issued by the U. S. Treasury and Sub-Treasuries, but only in exchange for redeemed postal currency.

Very Respty

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Alonzo Clark, Esq
Clinton
Mich

April 21st 6

Sir.

I draw on you this day Check No. 6813 for Thirteen thousand four hundred and eighty three 44/100 Dollars, gold coin, favor Messrs. Laidlaw & Co. being payment for Silver Bullion purchased from Bank of California.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Pollock
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U. S.
New York.

April 21st 6

Gentlemen

Enclosed please find Check No. 6813 on Asst. Treas. U.S. for Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred and eighty Three 44/100 Dollars, Gold Coin, being payment for Silver Bullion Purchased from Bank of California San. Francisco Cal. by United States, and remitted to you for credit of said Bank. Be kind enough to acknowledge per enclosed form, and also please collect check on day of receipt.

Very Respectfully

J.C. Pollock
Supt.

Mess. Laidlaw & Co
No. 12 Pine St.
New York.

April 21 6

Sir

Yours of the 17th inst is at hand.

The package of mineral you refer to has not been received by us, nor by the Express Co here, as we are informed by the Agent.

If you will send me the Express receipt I will cause further examination to be made. If not able to find it I will return the receipt to you.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt

Mr.
G. D. Schermerhorn
Ellsworth
Kan.

April 21 6

Sir

Your memorandum of an alleged bill of $110.50 against the Mint for mdse, under date of March 7. ult. with a printed request to remit, has been received this morning.

I suppose it refers to 500 lbs Gin @ 22¢ = $110. which Mr. R. J. Fougeray furnished under proposals submitted by him in reply to my official advertisement, and which was paid to Mr Fougeray on the 17th of March last, as per receipt on file.

We do not know your house in the transaction.

Very Respectfully
J. H. Pollock
Supt

Messrs. Phelps Dodge & Co.
New York

April 21 6

Sir

I have duly received your advices of the purchase by the Department of 1,500,000 ozs silver from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, to be forwarded to this Mint to be converted into subsidiary silver coin.

As directed in your letter of the 20th inst, I will transmit to your office the required certificate, as soon as each 500,000 ozs have been received and assayed.

Your instructions with regard to the coinage of dimes, quarters and halves during the current month, and of dimes and quarters in May, have been

received, and orders issued to the boiner, accordingly.

I shall run the Mint with the utmost efficiency.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 21 6

Sir

Inclosed herewith I forward

1. Statement of Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver bullion during March 1870.
2. Statement of Gold and Silver of Domestic Productions deposited during March 1870.
3. Statement of Bars manufactured during March 1870.

Very Respectfully

Jo. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

W. E. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

April 22 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending April 22 1876.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 22d 6

Sir

Your bid is respectfully requested for the purchase of the following old material now at this institution, viz:

Old Cast Iron —	about	5 Tons
" Wrought Scrap Iron	"	1 "
" Steel Die & Scrap Steel	"	1,000 lbs
" Brass	"	100 "
" Mixed metal	"	400 "

Proposals will be received until Monday May 1. 1876, at 12 O'Clock. Noon, — Terms Cash on delivery at the Mint — The above may be examined any day between 9 & 12 O'Clock. A.M.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pollock

Supt.

Same Glading Bro

336 York Ave

Phila

Note

A copy of the foregoing letter requesting bids for purchase of "Old Material" was sent Apr 22/76 to the following — viz.

Mep Adams & Stowie	960 North 9th St.	Phila	
T. B. C. Burpee Esq.	1824 " 9th "	"	
James T. Bradshaw	907 Beach St.	"	
J. B. Cornell	427 Walnut St	"	
D. S. Cresswell	816 Race "	"	
Saml. J. Cresswell	23d & Cherry Sts	"	
Mep Flagg & Shirley Hes	218 North 3d "	"	
" Goodell & Waters	151 Hamilton "	"	
John Johnson Esq	109 N 7th "	"	
× James O'Neale "	4 Noble "	"	

× This party could not be found by the P. O. Dept. — Letter returned and cancelled —

April 22 '6

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 10th inst. I herewith mail you Mint Memorandum No. 430, and the triplicate of B/D. No. 8390, April 21st in your favor for $176.80, the coinage proceeds of the unparted gold bar, specified in your letter. The original and duplicate B/D. have been forwarded to the Director of the Mint as per your order.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr.
Jacob F. L. Schirmer
Denver
Col

April 22 6

Sir

In compliance with the request of Mr. Schirmer, Assayer in charge of the Mint at Denver, I herewith transmit to your office, the original and duplicate bill in his favor, April 21. No. 8390. for $176.80, the proceeds of the coinage of one unparted gold bar, charges on bullion deposited at that Mint for the quarter ending March 31. 1876. I also enclose Mint Memorandum No. 430.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Collock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

April 22 6

Mr. Jas. B. Lawden.

Sir.

I have appointed yourself, Jno. L. McGinnis, Frank Gunigues and Brooks, a committee to examine the cleaning of the Mint by Atkinson & Myleroy, and to report if the same is a good job or not.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

April 24 6

Sir

Your draft of the 22d inst. on New York for $500. to purchase that amount of subsidiary silver coin, is herewith returned, as the Mint does not exchange these coins for currency.

I enclose a circular on this subject for your information and guidance.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Messrs
Mandel Bros
Chicago
Ill

April 24 6

Sir,

Enclosed herewith I forward statement of the weight fineness and value of 300,[illegible] ozs. silver bullion received at this Mint from the Nevada Bank of San-Francisco, showing the value to be by our assay, $351,439.92

A duplicate will be forwarded to the Bank.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 24 6

Sir

In reply to your letter of the [illegible] inst forwarding by Express $200 in silver three cent pieces, and [illegible] in return an equal amount in five cent copper-nickel coin, I have to state that I cannot receive these silver coins for [illegible] cent nickels, as you will see by the enclosed Treasury circular to which I invite your attention.

You can deposit these silver three cent pieces as bullion, and have them coined into Trade Dollars, or made into commercial bars, if you think proper, and then have the Express to sell them here for

currency but this process might involve some shrinkage in value depending on the date and character of the coins. If this would not suit you, the Express agt. will return them to you, he keeping them in his custody in the mean time, until your further instructions are recvd.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

D Clark Esq Abashr.
Am. Ex. Nat Bank.
New York

April 25 6

Sir

The counting boards, and apparatus for the Treasurer U. S. for counting quarters, dimes and five cent nickel pieces, requested in your telegram of the 13th of April, inst have this day been forwarded to that officer, by the Adams Express Co.

I will forward bill for the same in a few days

Very Respectfully

Jno. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 26 6

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 20th inst. I have to state that of 200,000 ounces fine silver to be delivered by the Bank of California, we have received on account up to this time, 57,691-83 ozs. We expect to receive a further instalment of 36,753.60 ounces this afternoon; and we have advices by mail this morning that an additional consignment of 17,000 ounces is on the way.

It seems probable that the entire amount will be delivered within a very short time.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

April 26 6

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 25th inst and your package by Express have come to hand.

We think makes subsidiary silver coins for the Government and delivers them to the Treasurer U. S. but has nothing whatever to do with their distribution to the public.

Under the recent act of Congress your application should be made to the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, who will give you silver coins below the dollar, but only in exchange for postal currency. Fives and silver pieces are no longer coined; none have been made

since 1873.

Your package has not been opened. Shall I return it to you by Express? Let me know immediately.

Very Respty
H C Heckok
Acting Supt

Messrs.
Landis & May.
Norristown
Pa

April 26 6

Gentlemen

Your consignment of 1864 ozs silver bullion to be coined into half and quarter dollars, has been recd by the Agt of Adams Express Co, and will remain in his custody until further instructions are recd from you

You will see by the enclosed Treasury circular that the Mint coins halves and quarters for the government only, and not for private parties. We can convert your bullion into bars or Trade Dollars, if you so direct. Will this suit you, or shall the Agt return your deposit to you by Express. Let me hear from you by return

Very Respty
H C Hickok
Acting Sec

Messrs. Levi & Co
Baltimore, Md

April 26 6

Sir

In reply to Mr. McCartee's inquiry of the 24th inst. enclosed in your letter of the 25th, and herewith returned to you. I have to state that the Mint furnishes proof sets of the current year only, and not of former years. The price of a silver and minor coin proof set of 1876 is $3.80 currency.

I sent to Mr. Haseltine, whose card I enclose, to ascertain the price of a set for 1874, and 1875, but he was not in at the time, and the boy in attendance did not know.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

April 27 6

Sir

Your letter of the 26th inst. has been received.

Our Assayer has been indisposed for some days, Will probably be at his post by tomorrow. The Assay Assayer informs me that a report of the assay of the specimen of ore forwarded by you on the 17th inst will be ready for transmission to your office on Monday next.

Very Respectfully
A G Kirk
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

April 27 6

Sir,

The counterfeit half eagle enclosed in your letter of the 25th inst. has been tested by the Assayer, and examined by the Engraver. Although not a very dangerous imitation, it is one of the most remarkable; and difficult to account for.

As to its composition, it is a plate of platinum, gilded; and the gilding is so thin as to yield no result worth speaking of, by assay.

As to its manufacture, the head and tail devices seem well nigh perfect; the lettering is good, but imperfect; and as to the date, the 18 is good, and the 48 is bad. The fluted edge is also at fault; and the piece is much too thin; being 34 thousandths

instead of 46 thousandths, thick. This was to compensate for the greater sp: gravity of platinum, but they made a mistake, as the piece is nine grains light. – The color is too nearly that of fine gold.

On the whole, a person familiar with our coins, would at once consider it suspicious.

We can only suppose, from these facts, that an old and spoiled pair of our dies (1848) was dishonestly obtained, and touched up by an artist not very competent; and then the coins struck from them, as usual.

It is altogether a novelty in counterfeiting, and needs to be watched. – The value of the platinum is about $1.50 in each.

I return one section, and retain the other for future comparison & information.

Very respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Sec'd.

Hon: H. R. Linderman
Director &c &c

April 27th 6.

Hon. George M. Robeson,
Secretary of the Navy,
Washington, D.C.

Sir;

Will you kindly permit the Commandant of the Navy Yard in this City, to loan me, for the purpose of decoration, some of the numerous flags in his possession?

So general will be the decoration of all buildings in our City during this year, that I deem it of the highest importance that a National Building of so much prominence as the Mint, should make a handsome display. Your compliance with this request will enable me to accomplish this very desirable object, and will also be personally obliging to,

Very Truly Your Obt. Servant

Superintendent

April 28 6

Sir

Yours of the 22d inst has been received.

In reply would state that deposit No 1006, April 14, 1854, amount $2372.58, was paid to J. R. Hunter, Agent of Adams Express Co, April 19, 1854.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

M. Healy Esq
Lansing
Iowa

April 28 6

Sir,

In reference to your letter of the 26th, inclosing a statement and complaint from the Belgian Mint, our Assayer requests me to say, that it is a long time since we had any Belgian coins, gold or silver, to assay; and that it is very desirable to do justice to the Assayers of that Mint.

At the same time, as we would not like to be tried by a single piece, we cannot think it sufficient to employ such a test in this case. I have therefore written to the Superintendent at New York, to procure three gold pieces, and three silver pieces, of recent dates, of the Brussels Mint, and send them here for assay.

As the Belgian coins are seldom

brought to this country, some time may elapse before this business can be accomplished.

It would be interesting to know, from the Mint Commissioner at Brussels, how they find the coins of this country as to fineness; especially of dates within ten or twelve years past.

Very respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Sept.

Hon: H. R. Linderman
Director &c. &c.

April 28 6

Thomas E. Acton Esq.
Superintendent &c. &c.

Sir

The Director of the Mint desires assays to be made, at this Mint, of the gold and silver coins of Belgium.

As it is much easier to obtain them in New York, than here, I will be obliged to you to send, when you can conveniently do so, three pieces of twenty francs (gold) and three pieces of five francs (silver.)

Their value, in our coins, will be returned without delay.

Those of the recent dates, say within five years.

Very respectfully

Jas. Ross Snowden

April 28 6

Sir

I enclosed herewith & forward a detailed statement of the weight fineness and value of 501,633.67 ozs fine silver forwarded by your Bank to this Mint, in Government account, also a similar statement of a second lot of 300,908.50 ozs on the same account.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pickel
Supt.

Mr. N. H. Masters, Cashr.
Nevada Bank
of San Francisco.
Cal

April 28 6

Sir

Upon the Assayers nomination herewith enclosed I have appointed William McIntire as a weigher in the Assay Department of this Mint at $4,00 per diem, from May 1. 1876, and submit the same for approval, under the 4th section of the Coinage Act of 1873. This appointment to be regarded as temporary, according to the pressure upon the Mint for coinage

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pearl
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

April 28 6

Sir

I enclosed I forward our Assayers report of his assay of the mineral specimen forwarded by you for that purpose on the 15th inst. showing it to be of no value.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 28 6

Sir

The difficulties in the use of your new counting boards as stated in your letter of the 27th inst are not owing to any defect in the boards, but are due entirely to the inexperience, and consequent want of skill in handling them on the part of the persons in your office who use them

I enclose a communication from our Boiner on the subject and approve his suggestion that you send some one of the men from your office, to acquire the art of counting by the board

Jas Gilfillen, Esq.
Cashr. U.S. Treasury.
Washington.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

April 29th 6

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer
Order for Thirty six Thousand six
hundred and Sixty five Dollars (36.665)
for that Amt withdrawn from the
Redemption Fund and oblige
Very Respectfully
your Obt
Supt

Hon. Jno. C. Rives
Treasury Dept
Washington
D.C.

April 29th 6

Sir.

I draw this day in favor Messrs Laidlaw & Co. No. 12 Pine St. Check No. 6814 for Eighty four thousand two hundred eighty six Dollars, Gold Coin being payment by United States for Silver Bullion purchased from Bank of California, San Francisco Cal.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

April 29th 6

Gents

I enclose check No 6814 on the Asst. Treas. U.S. for Eighty four thousand two hundred eighty six, (84.286) Dollars, Gold Coin, being payment for Silver Bullion purchased from the Bank of California.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock
Supt

Messrs Lardlaw & Co.
No 12 Pine St.
New York

April 29. 6

Sir,

Enclosed I forward statement of Coinage executed at this Mint during the current month April; and also during the week ending today.

Very Respectfully
J. W. P. Cook
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

April 29 6

Sir

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint, with the following result

Gold	$1.863.093.01
Silver	948.542.95
Ordinary & Reg.	20.664.18
Minor Coinage	64.210.03
" Coins Exchanged	3.868.52
" " Reissued	36.665.00
" Coinage Redemption.	26.961.82
	$2.964.005.81

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination into the general condition and

operations of the Mint, and the institution was fund to be in good working order and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

May 1st 6

Sir

The Quarter-dollar, of San Francisco Mint, enclosed in your letter of the 28th ult., presents a remarkable case of splitting in the manufacture.

The fineness is 898½.

A sound piece is herewith returned.

Very respectfully

Jas. Pearl
Lab. Tr.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director &c. &c.

May 1 6

Sir

Your letter of April 28th has been recvd.

Under the recent Act of Congress silver coins under the dollar are issued to the public by the Treasurer and Asst Treasurers U. S. but only in exchange for postal currency in sums of five dollars or any multiple thereof.

Very Respectfully,

Jas. Pollock

Mr

W. C. Fitzsimmons, Capt

Tecumseh

Mich.

May 1 6

Sir

Your letter of the 27th ult. has been recvd.

Under the recent Act of Congress silver coins under the dollar are issued to the public by the Treasurer and Asst Treasurers U.S. but only in exchange for postal currency in sums of five dollars or any multiple thereof.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr.
L P. Sigler. Cashr.
Leon
Iowa

May 1 6

Sir

Your letter of April 26th was duly received.

The Mint will strike the proposed medal for Mr. Rowland if you furnish the dies; the coinage act of 1870 not permitting us to make dies for any but National medals.

A private engraver in this city informs me that it would be worth $125. to engrave the dies for this medal, and it would require from two to three weeks time. Perhaps you could get them made in Boston or New-York.

Upon receipt of the dies

will strike the medal without delay. The cost as near as I can now estimate, including the gold, would be about $5. in U. S. gold coin.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

David King M. D.

Newport

R. I.

May 1 6

Sir

Mr. A. G. Rowland, Helper in the Assay Department of this Mint at $3.50 per diem, after a long illness is near his end, and I have dropped his name from the pay rolls.

Upon the recommendation of our Assayer, Mr. DuBois, with the consent of Mr Booth, Mr R. I have transferred Howard-White, deposit melter, at $3.50 to the Assay Department as Helper, vice A. G. Rowland, at $3.50 per diem, to take effect 15 day, and report the same for your approval.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

May 1 6

Mr E D Schermerhorn
Ellsworth, Kansas

Dear Sir,

Referring to the contents of your letter of April 26th, I return herewith the Postal Order for three dollars.

Yours resp'y
[illegible]
Supd't.

May 1 6.

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, the official oath of William McIntire, Weigher in the Assay Department this Mint.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Powell
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 1 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Statement of Minor coin Redeemed, Reissued and Exchanged during the month of April 1876.

Also, for the Secretary of the Treasury, Statement of Minor coinage operations for month of April 1876.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Powell
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 1 6

Sir

Mr. Howard White, having been transferred to the Assay Department I have upon the nomination of the Melter & Refiner, herewith enclosed, appointed James Taylor, as Keeper in the Silver melting room, in the Melter & Refiners Department at $2.90 per diem; this appointment to take effect on Monday next May 8th, I submit the same for your approval.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Min.
Washington

May 2 6

Sir

I have this morning your letter of the 1st inst, enclosing copy of a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury from Fred De Rosher, 1104 Spring Garden St. Philadelphia, in reference to the price of silver twenty cent pieces at the Mint.

The explanation is simple and obvious. The price charg by the Medal department for the proof twenty cent piece is now, and has been from the first, twenty five cents in silver or thirty cents in currency, When that coin first appeared there was great demand for proof specimens by people w

did not want to buy a full silver set; and the price charged is not more than sufficient to be moderately remunerative to the Medal Fund for so small a matter.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 2nd 76

Sir

I forward herewith my
A/c of Ordinary Expenses for
April 1876.

Very Respy Yours

Supt

Hon. A. A. Lindeman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 2 6

Sir

Your letter of the 1st inst requesting me to supply you with a quantity of silver twenty cent pieces in exchange for postal currency, or other silver has been received.

It will not be in my power to make the proposed exchange.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Pollock
Supt

C. N. Todd. Esq
New York

P.S.

The Treasurer, and Asst Treasurer U.S. are alone authorized to make such exchanges.

May 2 6

Sir

I return by Adams Exp.
the account of the Bill of
Messrs Mayer & Billing for
Belgian coins — $14.30 gold, viz:

In gold coin 14.00
In change .31
14.31

With thanks for your attention,
yours very respectfully

Supt.

Thomas C. Acton Esq.
Superintendent &c. &c.

May 2 6

Gentlemen.

I have received your bill of April 21st. for $950 for cleaning the flanks and north front of the Mint building.

I regret to say that upon a careful inspection of the work by a committee appointed for that purpose, I find, and they report that it has not been well done as required in the contract, and not being satisfied with it, I am compelled by a sense of official duty to refuse payment until the work has been properly completed.

Messrs.
Atkinson & Myhlertz.
Philada.

Very Respty
Jas Powell
Supt

May. 2 6

Sir

The gold and silver coins of Belgium, procured and assayed at your request, result as follows.

Gold 20 frs., all 1875 (3 pc) average weight 99.6 grs.
Assays. 899.9, 900.0, 900.3.

Silver 5 frs. 1870 & 1873 (3 pc) average wt. 385.5 grs.
Assays. 899¼, 899¾, 900¼.

They ought evidently to be stated at their legal fineness, 900, in the next Report.

Very respectfully
J. W. Pollock
Supdt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director P. P.

May 3d 6

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Sir:

I return herewith corrected Statement of Minor Coins redeemed for the Month of April. The error was in the number of pieces of 5¢ Nickel reissued, which showed have been 642,000. instead of 64,200. The amount as stated in report viz: $32,100.00 is correct

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt.

May 3 6

Sir

I have this morning received your instructions of the 2d inst to have a counting table, and three counting boards for dimes, twenty cents and quarter dollars respectively, made for the Asst Treasurer, U. S. at Philadelphia.

They will be made as soon as practicable, and no charge will be made for work on them done in the Mint, but for materials (sheet copper &c) purchased outside, I shall be obliged to make out bills against the Treasury Department and forward them to you for payment.

Very respectfully
J. P. Kennedy
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

May 3 6

Sir

Your letter of the 1st inst, rescinding your former instructions with regard to subsidiary silver coinage, and directing that for the balance of the fiscal year halves, quarters and dimes be made in such proportions as may be best suited to the economical working of the Mint, and to keep all the apparatus and machinery full employed, was duly received and I have issued instructions to the proper department accordingly, and will see that they are complied with.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Pollock

May 4 6

Sir

The coin mentioned in your letter of the 1st inst. is one of several varieties of Washington cents, supposed to have been issued by private persons for speculative purposes, but nothing is actually known in regard to their origen or intention. This is known as the Unity cent, and is supposed to be of French origin; the error in the legend upon the reverse may be owing to an ignorance of the English language in the designer of it.

Very Respty

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Mr.
Jno P. Dillingham
Tarboro.
N.C.

May 4 6

Sir

Your letter of the 3d inst. stating that you were informed that some 3 cent pieces of pure nickel had recently been struck at the Mint and inquiring, by what authority &c, has been received.

In reply I have to say that so far as the Mint is concerned the information is absolutely false - no such pieces having been struck - here, nor certainly with my knowledge, and after full inquiry, none with the knowledge of the Melting & Refining or Coining Departments.

This allegation is part of the general system of falsehood

and detraction so prevalent at this time.

Very Respectfully
J. E. Pollock
Auditor

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 4 6

Sir

Since writing to you this morning saying that the allegation "that three cent pieces in pure nickel had been struck recently at the Mint" was absolutely false, I have been surprised by receiving a letter of the 3d inst, written by you to Joseph Wharton, in which for the first time the fact is brought to my notice that the Coiner (without my knowledge or consulting me in any way) had caused to be struck a few three cent pieces in pure nickel as test of the nickel for coinage in that state. Neither Mr Wharton nor the Coiner consulted

me

me in the matter, nor did I know that Wharton had written to you on the subject.

This morning after receiving your letter, I consulted Mr. Bosbyshell, Asst Coiner, (the Coiner being absent in New York) Mr. Downing of the Coining room, the Melter & Refiners Department, and others, all reported that no such coin had been struck in the Mint to their knowledge.

I cannot approve of such proceedings, and you are right in refusing to permit them to be taken and exhibited by Mr. Wharton. Due subordination is essential to the proper management of any institution

With this explanation you will understand my first letter.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

May 7 6

Sir

Enclosed I forward copies of letters received from the Assayer and Mr. Cochran, Weigher, in relation to the difference in the assay of certain silver bars in the invoice of the 71 bars received from the Nevada Bank. The bars were stamped "Silby Lead and Silver Smelting Works." The presence of sulphur is also reported. Bars of a similar character have given us trouble in our operations heretofore. The enclosed letters are forwarded for your information

Very Respectfully

J. W. Powell
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint

May 5 6

Sir

Enclosed I hand you a communication received from the Coiner, since his return from New York, explaining his action in reference to the striking of three cent pieces in pure nickel, and forward the same for your consideration.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 6 6

Dear Sir

A cubic inch of gold absolutely fine, weighs 10.1509 ounces troy, and is worth $209.84 in standard coin.

From the above you can deduce the cubic foot.

It will be well for you to verify the foregoing, by these data: A cubic inch of water (at 61° Fahr.) weighs 252.458 grains. Fine gold is 19.3 times as heavy as water.

Yours truly

J. W. Pollock

Supdt.

Mr W. C. Renne
Pittsfield
Mass.

May 6 6

Sir

The mineral sent by you is galena, with iron. - We assay such specimens (only for silver or gold) when we have time, at a charge of five dolls currency.

If this is a Texan ore, I do not believe it would be worth the expense, judging from other specimens of that region.

Respy yours

Jas Ryan
Supt.

Mr John Newton
Ft Elliott. Tex

May 6 6

Sir

You will please prepare for the Mint at San Francisco, the following dies, of the largest size Steel. XX.

Eighteen (18) Obverse Quarter Dollar
do (18) Reverse do do

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Wm Barber, Esq
Engraver

May 6 6

Sir

The different kinds of stones in your box are of no value; a few specks of sulphide of iron may be seen, and they are often mistaken for gold or silver.

Yours resp'y

Jas Pollock

Supd't.

Mr. John M. Campbell

Youngstown Pa

May 6 6

Sir

Enclosed I hand you Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending May 6. 1876.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

May 6 6

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 1st inst. our Engraver Mr. Barber, has prepared, and I herewith enclose for your consideration, four designs for a new silver dollar, for the Centennial and subsequent years.

My own decided preference for the Centennial dollar is the design on card No 2. and for the subsequent years the design on card No 4. The Engraver is in entire accord with me in this choice. The designs explain themselves, and show how very happily they can be adapted to the proposed new

new coin, without crowding or clumsiness, No 2 gives with ease and neatness the essential and very desirable inscription "First Centennial of American Independence"; and No 4. shows how very readily and appropriately for future years the circle of stars can be transferred from the obverse to the reverse, in lieu of the Centennial inscription, and yet preserve the general unity of the successive issues of the new dollar, while still leaving the centennial dollar a distinctive coin by itself.

The motto "In God we trust" has been retained by my direction because it is by existing laws on all our large coins, and in this Centennial year, of all others, it ought not, in any consideration,

to be omitted from any new coin large enough, as in this instance, to receive it.

No 1. & substantially the same as the reverse of No. 4. but inferior to it, and No. 3. only illustrates, by contrast, the superiority of No. 2.

Very Respectfully

J. R. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 6 6

Sir

I herewith forward statement of our Mint and Refiners Bullion operations, and also of Silver Melting for the month of April, 1876, together with the accompanying explanations of that officer.

You will find them all to be very satisfactory

Very Respectfully

Jos Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

May 8 6

The following report of the assay of test coins, issued at this Mint, by the Assayer of the New York Assay Office for the month of April. 1876. has been handed to the Assayer, Coiner, and Melter & Refiner.

	Weight gr. dec	Gold.	Silver
Double Eagle	516.1	900.2	7
Eagle	257.9	900.	6
Quarter Dollar	96.2		900.6
Dime	38.6		901.

James Pollock
Supt.

Perry & Co.
S.C.

May 8 6

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 28th of April, ult. enclosing $6. in currency, in payment of excess of nickel coin sent you by Express, has been duly received.

Very Respectfully
H C Bickok
Acting Supt

Messrs.
Darragh & Co
St Louis
Mich.

May 9 6

Dear Sir

I am now prepared to submit for your inspection a drawing of the proposed Newport medal to Benjamin B. Howland. When can you call to examine it.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Edward Brinsley
615 Chestnut St
Phila

May 9th 6

Sir.

I draw this day per Check No. 6815 for Ten thousand seven hundred and five 94/100, Gold Coin, in favor Mess. Laidlaw & Co, being payment for Silver Bullion purchased by the United States, from the Bank of California.

Very Respy Yours

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. of
New York

May 9th 6

Gentlemen

Enclosed I have to send Draft No. 6815 on the Asst. Treas. U.S., in your favor, for Ten Thousand Seven Hundred and Five 79/100 Dollars, Gold Coin, being payment for Silver Dollars Purchased from the Bank of California, by the United States.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Ellwood
Supt

Messrs. Laidlaw & Co.
No. 12 Pine St.
New York

May 11th 6

Sir.

The enclosed statement of my a/c. to the 21st April is correct.

Please refer to my advices for checks drawn since that date. Please also sign the statement and return

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas Prevost
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

May 11 6

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 10th inst. inclosing copy of a telegram of the 9th from the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, I have to state that the quarter dollars he enquires about, will be forwarded to him by steamer of Monday or Thursday next

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
A. R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 11 6

Sir

Your Regulations of April 27. 1870. approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, fixing the charges for assaying ores, and prescribing the mode and time for reporting to the Director, and paying the charges into the U. S. Treasury, transmitted to me yesterday by the Acting Director, have been received this morning, and communicated to the Assayer, together with the accompanying blank

Very Respectfully

J. W. Powell

Director

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

Copy)

(Telegram) May 11 6

To the Nevada Bank of San Francisco.

The Lelia silver although very nearly fine, always contains sulphur in the form of sulphide of silver and lead, which is not removed by ordinary melting and remelting, and shows itself in discoloration of the planchets, as well as in a want of due ductility, and consequent loss to the Melter and Refiner, and bower, which their legal allowance will not bear. And only silver parted by acid process. Necessary time for delivery will be given.

(Signed) H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

which Govt rates.

H. R. L.

May 11th 6

Sir

I herewith forward my Acquisition of this date, for the sum of Twenty One thousand five hundred Dollars, (21,500.) for the support of this Mint during the current month, May, out of the following appropriations:

Salaries	500.
Wages	20,000.
Contingent Exp.	~~[illegible]~~

Very Respectfully

[signature]
Supt

Hon St. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

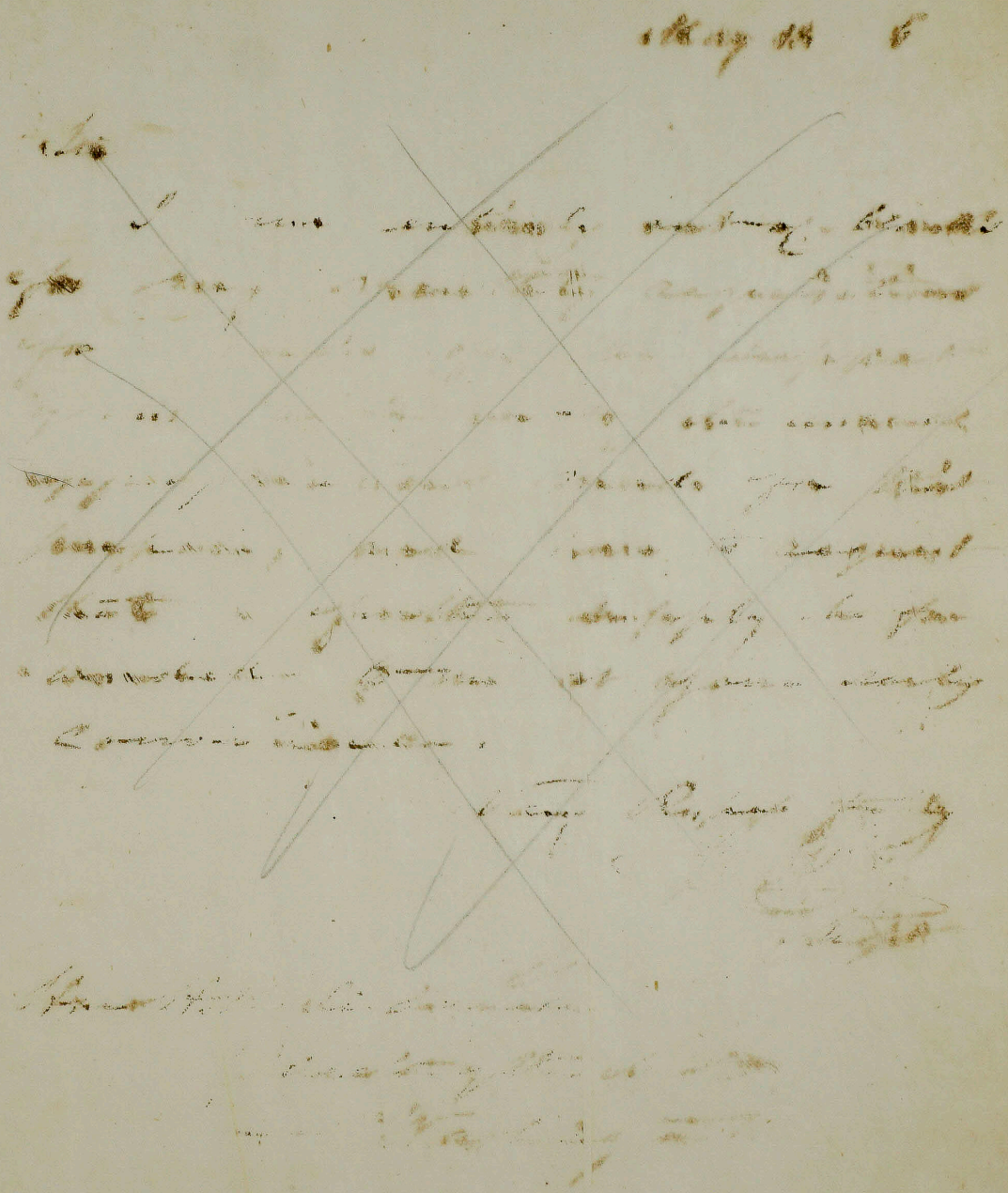
May 11 6

Sir,

I am entirely out of blanks for my monthly requisitions for funds for the support of this Mill out of the annual appropriations made for that purpose, and have to request that a further supply be forwarded to me at your early convenience.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon H. H. Lindsman
Director of the M. A.
Washington D.C.



May 12. 6

Sir

I herewith enclose for the Secretary of the Treasury, b/d. of this No 2929. from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, in my favor for One hundred thousand dollars ($100.000) silver coin, deposited by me to the credit of the Treasurer U. S. on account of silver profits; which I will thank you to forward to its destination.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

May 12 6

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 8th inst, I have to state that under existing laws the Mint can only give you Trade Dollars or commercial bars in return for silver bullion deposited, silver coins less than the dollar being made for the U.S. Govt exclusively, and not for private parties. But if you so direct, the Express Agent could sell the the bars or Trade Dollars to Brokers who deal in them, and buy the smaller silver coins for you with the proceeds, or he can sell them for paper money and send it to you by Express.

If by "currency" you mean the fractional postal currency (paper) he would have to pay about five per cent premium to get it, as it is very scarce. The Express Agent will retain your bullion until you send further instructions.

Very Respty

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr. John Egger.
Montgomery
Ala

May 12 6

Sir

Upon his nomination by the boiner, herewith enclosed, I have appointed, William H. Evans, as an Annealer in the boiners Department of this Mint, at $2.90 per diem, and submit the same for your consideration. This appointment to take effect upon its confirmation.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pearce
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 12th 6

Sir.

Enclosed please find Memorandums of three lots of Silver Bars received from your office, showing the result per our Assay. Further reports will be made you as rapidly as possible.

The Director instructs me that payment will be made by the Department for this Silver in lots of 500.000. ounces each.

Very Respy

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Cashier

Nevada Bank

San Francisco

Cal.

May 12 6

Sir

Inclosed herewith I forward official oath of James R. Taylor Helper in the Melter & Refiners Department this Mint.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon
A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

P.S.

He reported for duty on the 8th inst.

May 13 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending May 13. 1876.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. L. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 13 6

Sir

I herewith forward, in duplicate, for payment through your office, the following approved bills for supplies forwarded to the Assay department of the Mint at Carson.

1. David Gilbert & Son $160.00
2. Bullock & Crenshaw 7.76

I also enclose duplicate bill of lading for the same.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 19 6

Sir

The $200,000. silver coin (quarters) T. O. No. 3512, referred to in your letter of the 12th inst. will be forwarded to you on the 15th inst.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

W. G. White, Esq.
Acting Asst. Treas. U. S.
New York.

May 13 6

Sir

In answer to your inquiry of the 12th inst, received this morning, I have to state that we can convert 100,000 ozs silver bullion into Trade Dollars for you, before the close of the current month, provided you will send us fine silver free from every objectionable ingredient, and have it delivered at this Mint no later than Wednesday the 17th inst. Please let me hear from you in reply immediately.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pollock
Supt

Thos S. Alton. Esq
Supt U. S. Assay Office
New York.

May 15 6

Sir

Referring to your order of the 5th inst. I have today forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco, by the Adams Express Company, as per the enclosed receipt,

18 Obverse, and

18 Reverse,

Quarter dollar dies.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

May 16th 6

Sir

The Treasurer of the U. S. has forwarded the enclosed abraded and imperfect Subsidiary Silver Coin, nominally $12.70, which he requests shall be placed to his credit as a "transfer of funds". The pieces are entirely unfit for circulation and cannot therefore be charged in my Coinage a/cs. I will thank you to exchange them for a similar amount of perfect pieces, carrying the loss into your Silver Wastage a/c. for the current fiscal year. Tale value $12.70, Legal Wt. Ozs. 10.21. Actual Weight Ozs 9.80 Loss Ozs. .41

Very Respectfully
[signature]
Supt

A. L. Snowden Esq
Coiner

May 16 6

Sir

Enclosed I hand you copy of a letter from our Assayer on the subject of fixing a new charge for the assay of ores, and submit the same for your consideration.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Collock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 17 6

Sir

I have this morning received your letter of the 16th inst, transmitting Express receipt and invoice #10 of 25 large bars and 8 boxes fine silver payable in Trade Dollars.

In regard to the melts of Gold you speak of, if the proposed melts net as we suppose, about $100,000, the coin can be furnished by the 15th of June, proxime.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt

Thos. C. Acton, Esq
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York

May 17 6

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward, official oath of William H. Evans, Annealer in the Coiners Department this Mint.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 17th 6

Sirs.

Enclosed I hand you Check No. 6816 in your favor, for Nineteen thousand nine hundred and forty seven 48/100 Dollars, Gold Coin, being for payment of Silver Bullion purchased from the Bank of California.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Messrs. Laidlaw & Co

No. 101 Pine St.

New York

May 17th 6

Sir.

I draw to day in favor of Laidlaw & Co. Check No. 6816 for Nineteen Thousand nine Hundred and Forty Seven 48/100 Gold Coin, in payment for Silver Bullion Purchased from Bank of California.

Very Respectfully

Jas Ruch

Supt.

Hon. Thos Hillhouse

Asst. Treas. U.S.

New York

Telegram

May 17. 6

Hon. John C. New
Treasurer United States
Washington D.C.

Will send the five cent pieces tomorrow

[illegible]
Supt. U.S. Mint

Collier - Gold Coats

May 17 6

Sir

In pursuance of the Melter & Refiners nomination, herewith enclosed, I have appointed Franklin Smith, as a Melter in the Copper Melting room, Melter & Refiners Department, at $2.50 per diem, to take effect Monday, May 22. 1876. and submit the same for your approval.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 17th 6

Sir

I enclose herewith memts. of Silver purchased from your Bank in part of 1.500.000 Ounces.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Wm Sharon
Nevada Bank
San Francisco
Cal

May 18th 6

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 17th. inst. is at hand. Under existing laws there are only two ways in which Subsidiary Silver Coins, including 20ct pieces, can be procured from the Government. One is from the Mint, in exchange for gold coins at par, in sums of not less than One hundred dollars, as prescribed by the enclosed circular. The other, from the Treasurer U.S. and his Loca. Assistants, in exchange for postal currency only, under the recent Act of Congress.

The coins for the last named purpose are delivered by the Mint to the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurers upon transfer orders issued by the Treasury Department, in such sums and to such localities as may be specified. If 20 cent pieces are wanted by the Asst. Treas. at New York, he will make that fact known to the Department at Washington, and ask for a transfer of the desired amount.

The Mint has now only $100 in

20 ¢ pieces on hand, and is running the coining presses, exclusively on dimes, quarters, and halves. The Director of the Mint, at Washington, prescribes what denominations shall be coined from time to time, and would doubtless change the order to 20 ¢ pieces to meet any special demand, so far as it can be done without interfering unduly with the heavy pressure from the public for the other denominations named.

I would suggest that you communic with him on the subject.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Bolles

Superintendent

Mess. N. B. Claflin & Co

New York

May 18 6

Sir

I enclosed herewith I forward a communication from the Coiner explaining in detail the process of silver coinage.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Pearl
Supt

Hon.
H. Lindeman
Director of the Mint
Washington
&c

May 19 6

Sir

Upon consultation with Mr. Bosbyshell, Asst Coiner, and Mr Barber, the Engraver, I find, in reply to your inquiry of the 18th inst, that we can prepare one thousand badges for the Association of Veteran Soldiers of the Mexican War in about fifteen days; forwarding them in lots of one or two hundred at a time.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

May 19 6

Sir

The three samples of argentiferous ore specified in your letter of the 18th inst to be assayed for use of the Treasury Department have been received, and delivered to the Assayer, who informs me that he will endeavor to report the assays, as directed, in about two weeks.

Very Respectfully

H C Hickox
Acting Supt

Dear
Sir
R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 20 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Mowers Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending May 20. 1876.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 20 6

Sir

At the request of the boiner I have transferred Kelso Johnson, from the Laborers Roll to the boiners department, as butter, @ $2.90 per diem, vice Theodore Hackett.

I have also transferred Theodore Hackett, butter in the boiners department, to the Laborers Roll, at $2.75 per diem, vice Kelso Johnson.

These transfers to take effect June 1. 1876.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington.

May 20 76.

Sir:

By letter of advice from the Treas.r of the United States, received yesterday but of this date, I learn that an order for the transfer of $100.000 in silver coin to the Asst. Treas.r U.S. New York, has been issued by the Secretary of the Treasury.

The instructions of the letter of advice are—"Send out Quarters." The Cashier's daily report should have shown that for the last four days (preceding the date of the letter of advice) I have not had the coin required in my vaults. The Cashier informs me that he last evening discovered an admixture of Envelopes, some of which are superscribed "Treasurer of the U. S.," and others—"To the Secretary of the Treasury," and supposes that his daily report may have gone to the Treasurer's Office and not to the Office of the Secretary of the Treasury as it should have done, and as was intended.

Please accept this as explanatory of the delay in delivering the coin ordered to the Express Company. The necessary order for the coining of Quarter Dollars has been issued to the Superintendent

Officers, and the coin will be ready for delivery in a few days.

Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

To

The Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D.C.

P.S. On the 13th inst., I delivered to Adams Express Company for transportation to Asst. Treas. U.S. at New York, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, all in Quarter Dollar pieces.

J.P.

May 20th 6

Sir

Conforming to yours of the 20th April last I hand you herewith in duplicate, my Certificate for five hundred and seventy five thousand and nine 59/100 ounces fine Silver received from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, Cal.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Bloch

Sup't

Hon H. K. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 22d. 6

Sir

The Certificate for the first delivery of Silver Bullion purchased from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, (Viz: 5/5.009 59/100 fine Oz) was forwarded to you on the 20th inst. Memorandums of the several lots received have been transmitted to the Bank.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Ralston

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 22 6

Gentlemen,

In reply to your letter of the 19th inst. received this A.M. I have to state that in pursuance of instructions received some time ago from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, and from the Director of the Mint at Washington, we have kept the bullion deposited "E" in a separate account from the bullion, having no distinguishing mark, and have regularly forwarded Memorandums of the same to the Nevada Bank. If in keeping your accounts, you need duplicate Memorandums, I will have them made out and forwarded to you upon notice from you to that

effect.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Messrs.
Eugene Kelly & Co.
New York.

May 22 6

Sir

Upon separate nominations by the Coiner, herewith enclosed, I have made the following appointments in the Coiners Department to take effect June 1. 1876.

1. Thomas Gillespie, as a Cutter, at $2.90 per diem.
2. John Gallagher Jr. as a Roller, at $2.90 per diem.
3. Mrs. Sarah W. Murphy, as an Adjuster, at $1.75 per diem, vice Mrs. E. Biddle resigned.
4. Miss Blanche Carroll, as an Adjuster @ $1.75 per diem.

And submit the same for your approval under the 4th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

May 22. 6

Sir,

I herewith forward the official oath of Franklin Smith, a Melter in the Melter and Refiner's department.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Cooper

Supt

Hon. H. K. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

May 22nd 6

Sir

I transmit herewith statements of Invoices Nos. 6 & 7, Silver Bullion Purchased.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Taylor
Supt

Cashier
Nevada Bank
San Francisco
Cal.

May 22 6

Sir

I call your attention to the enclosed communication just received from our Melter & Refiner, reporting the fact that he has only a two days supply of silver on hand from the Pacific Refinery, and explaining the impure and intractable character of the "Selby" and the New York fine silver, and how seriously it interferes with our getting out the amount of subsidiary silver coinage that is no very necessary at the present time. Will you please take immediate steps to keep us supplied with fine silver of a good quality.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon H R Linderman
Director of the Mint

May 20 6

Sir

I have the impression, some how made, that a few days ago you wrote to me requesting the preperation, with care, of two sets of our proof coins, for exhibition by some Society or Institution, (not our Centennial representation.) If such letter was written by you, and received by me, it has been mislaid or lost. I cannot find it. If such order was given, please repeat it by letter, and we will attend to it at once.

We will soon have our case of medals and coins ready to be placed in the Govt Building.

Yrs Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

May 23 6

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 22d inst, received this morning, I herewith enclose, in the hand writing of the boiner, a copy of the boiners request for the transfer of Kelso Johnson and Theodore Hackett, as communicated to you in my letter of the 20th inst.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Powell
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 23 6

Sir

Your letter of the 22d inst has been recvd.

The Mint does not smelt ores. Your application should be made to private smelting works.

Very Respty

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr.

Geo. A. Jones.
Farmington
N. H.

May 28 6

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 19th inst, I herewith enclose the testimony of our Assayer, Melter & Refiner, and Coiner, with regard to experiments made at this Mint some years ago in alloying silver with nickel.

I heartily agree with them in the opinion that nickel as an alloy for silver, is entirely unsuitable for coinage purposes.

Let me add here, the remark that, in my judgment, the sooner five cent silver coins are substituted for the five cent copper nickel pieces, the better it will be for the interest of the

Government and the people.

If the redemption, in currency, of the 5 cent nickel copper was authorized, their re-issue (but not coinage) could be permitted for a period sufficiently long to introduce the 5 ct silver pieces, thus avoiding the inconvenience of a sudden withdrawal of this currency. The 5 ct silver pieces would also prevent the present dangerous system of counterfeiting so common with the 5 ct nickels. This merely suggestive.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Powell
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 23 6

Sir

I duly received your letter of the 18th inst. requesting my opinion whether any additions of machinery, apparatus or fixtures are practicable whereby the coining capacity of this Mint can be increased without endangering the present edifice; and also whether a larger coining press should not be procured to strike the new silver dollar contemplated by the present Congress.

I have given the subject full and careful consideration and am of opinion that no additional machinery, apparatus

or fixtures are practicable or necessary within our present limits; nor is there, in my judgment, any occasion for a larger coining press than the two large ones we now have in use, and which are fully equal in all respects to the proper coinage of all the new silver dollars that may be required.

What we do need is larger appropriations and a larger working force. These granted, we can fully and promptly meet the expectations of Government.

Very Respectfully

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington D.

May 22d 6

Gentlemen.

Your bid of the 22d inst for the refuse iron and steel is accepted, as amended by you

You are requested to call at once and settle for it.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Messrs. Russenius, Cunliffe & Co.
12th & Washington St
Philada

May 24 6

Gentlemen.

In reply to your request of the 20th inst I have to state that instructions from the Director of the Mint, at Washington, under date of the 20th of April last, require that the certificates of the amount of bullion received from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, on which the Treasury Department is to make settlement, shall be forwarded, in duplicate, to the Director of the Mint, and my certificate of the first 57,500 g 59 ozs, received on a/c of 1,500,000 ozs. purchased, was forwarded to the Director accordingly, Saturday last, the 20th of this inst.

Messrs. Very Respectfully

Eugene Kelly & Co.

New-York.

May 24 6

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 20d inst. the Melter & Refiner informs me, that our last lot of porcelain refining pots was bought of Schively in 1865, was $87.50 per pot with the duty paid in gold, and gold at a high price. Before the war we bought them for about $45. per pot.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pleasant
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 24th 6

Sir

I draw this day in favor of Laidlaw & Co. Check No. 6817 on the Asst. Treas. U.S. for Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty 82/100 Dollars, Gold Coin, in payment for Silver Bullion Purchased from Bank of California.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Ruth
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

May 24th 6

Gentlemen.

I hand you herewith Check No. 6817 in your favor, on the Asst. Treas. U.S. for Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty 82/100 Gold Dollars, Gold Coin, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased by the U. S. from the Banks of California.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Messrs. Laidlaw & Co
New York

May 25 6

Sir

In compliance with your confidential request of the 18th inst, I have carefully gone over the list of our employes who do not receive a salary, classified according to the pay rolls, and herewith enclose a schedule of the names with the per diem now paid in one column, and the proposed per diem in the adjoining column. You will observe that in the latter column I have not confined myself to an increase of precisely ten per cent in each case, though that will be about the average rate for the whole list. There were

irregularaties that it was desirable to correct at this time. Aside from this I have endeavored to adjust the increase to the duties and responsibilities of the respective parties. In some cases I have not made any increase, not deeming it necessary or advisable. I do not understand you to intend to make this schedule a fixed and arbitrary standard from which there can be no deviation hereafter, but merely as approximate figures from which to deduce some general principle to regulate the compensation of workmen on adjusters. I think it advisable that we should be kept free to increase or diminish the per diem of employes as circumstances

my required.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

May 25th 6

Sir

Yours of yesterday calling my attention to the error of six cents in my Ordinary a/c. for the 1st quarter 1876, is received.

I have to inform you that the same has been corrected on the books of the Mint, as is also the transposition of the $5 70, also referred to in your letter.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon R. W. Taylor
1st Comptroller
U.S. Treasury
Washington
D.C.

May 25th. 6.

Sir

I draw this day in favor of Laidlaw & Co, Check No. 6818 for Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Seven 51/100 Dollars Gold Coin, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased from Bank of California.

Very Respectfully
Jos Collot
Supt

Hon. Thos Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

May 25th 6

Gentlemen.

I inclose Check No. 6818 on Asst. Treas. U.S. for Nineteen Thousand Eight-Hundred and Ninety Seven 51/100 Dollars, Gold Coin, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased from Bank of California.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Ewer
Supt

Messrs. Laidlaw & Co
12 Nassau St.
New York

May 25 6

Sir

Enclosed I forward Certificate of Deposit No for $7.50 deposited this day with Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia on account of Sale of Old Materials, Viz; To Prof J. C. Booth 50 Bushel Wood Ashes @ 15¢ $7.50

Please forward the Certificate to its proper destination

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

May 26 6

Sir

Yours of the 24th inst. is at hand.

It is not certain when we can make further deliveries of twenty cent pieces. We are now running on halves and quarters and dimes, for which there is a greater demand.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

H. C. Friedman
No. 2. Wall St
New-York.

Telegram

May 26. 6

Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Letter and telegram received. Downing will be ready to start from second or fourth as you may prefer

Jas. Cowell
Supt. Mint

(Collect. Govt. Cts.)

Cor. Sp.

May 26 6

Sir

Enclosed I forward Certificate of Deposit No 2903 for $1.14 deposited this day with the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia on account of Old Material Sold for account of Charlotte Assay Office, as follows, viz

57 lbs Old Iron to A. Bussenius @ 2¢ $1.14

consisting of 118 defaced dies forwarded with Director letter of May 12. 1875.

In this connection I wish to state that I invited bids for these old dies, a few days after I received them and often since, but received no offers - No one willing to buy at any price - Yesterday we invited bids for our old iron and steel - we sold this old metal including these dies and collars (57 lbs) at 2¢ per pound, the highest price that could be obtained - all the other bids

were 1 cent per pound.

There is no demand for old iron—many, to whom we offered it, would not bid at all

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

May 26 6

Sir

Enclosed I forward Certificate of Deposit No 2955 for 195.17 deposited this day with the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia on account of Old Material Sold as follows, viz:

To A. Bussenius

24973 lbs refuse Iron	$188.27
115 " Lead (Old)	6.90
	$195.17

Please forward the Certificate to its proper destination

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

May 27 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending May 27, 1876.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 27th 6

Sir

In reply to yours of yesterday I beg to inform you that the Bank of California has delivered 173.107 Oz. (Gross) Silver Bullion, the last shipment having been received on the 20th inst, and no further advices for the remainder at hand.

Very Respfly Yours

Supt

Hon. H.K. Lindenman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 27 6

Sir

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst. I herewith return Assayers report of Gold bullion deposited, No 58, duly verified by the Assayer's signature, which had been inadvertantly omitted.

Very Respectfully

Jas Block
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 27 6

Sir

Your deposit of silver bars, specified in your letter of the 25th inst. has been recd by the Mint Agent of the Adams Express Co. but all we can do will be to convert it into Trade Dollars for you on the terms of the enclosed circular; which the Express Agent can sell for you, and remit the proceeds in halves and quarters, if you so direct. Under the present laws, halves, quarters and dimes are coined for the Government only, and not for private depositors.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr. G. W. Davis.
Boston
Mass.

May 27 6

Sir

Under your order of May 25, 1876 approved by Secretary Bristow, endorsed on the back of the bill, I have this morning paid the Adams Express Company $2,508 out of the silver profit fund, the amount of their bill for transportation of silver coin, from New York City to this Mint, en route from San Francisco, from March 31, 1876 to May 23, 1876, inclusive

The duplicate bill will be filed here, as usual, but before doing so I herewith enclose it to you, with the request that you and the Secretary

will sign the duplicate order which I have had endorsed on the back, and return the same to me as my voucher.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 27th 6

Sir

Referring to your letter of yesterday inquiring whether the Bank of California had completed the Shipment of the 200000 ounces Silver, and to my reply thereto of this date mailed this morning, I have now to inform you that by this noons mail I have advices from the above Bank that the balance of the 200000 ounces has been Shipped, and will probably arrive on Monday next.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Supt

May 29th 6

Sir.

I return herewith with my endorsement, Transfer Order No. 3554 for $678.107.20 being the value in part of 502 Silver Bars certified by me to have been received from Nevada Bank of San Francisco, Cal, (per Certificate dated May 20th) the aforesaid sum being carried to your credit in the Bullion Fund a/c, as Silver, this day.

Very Respectfully

J. V. Colloch
Supt

Hon. Jno. C. New
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

May 29. '6

Sir,

At the request of the Melter & Refiner, herewith enclosed, I have transferred Hugh Hawkins, Engineer in the General Department, at $2.90 per diem, (but on the Coiner's Roll) to the Cent melting room, in the Melter & Refiners Department, as Helper, at $2.90 per diem; to take effect June 1st proximo; and submit the same for your approval under the 4th Section of the Coinage Act.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. W. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

May 29. 6

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 20th inst. I herewith forward C/D. in duplicate, May 29. No. 97, from the Asst. Treas. U. S. at Phila, in your favor to the credit of the Treas. U. S. for $265.86 gold coin, the proceeds of the recoinage of $270. light gold coin forwarded by you, on the 20th inst. for that purpose, and for which you will please send me a special acknowledgment, as my vouchers.

I also enclose Mint Memorandum No. 584.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Geo. C. Stevens, Esq.
Coll. of Customs
Milwaukie, Wis.

May 29. 6

Sir,

I have appointed James M. Curry as an Engineer in the General Department of this Mint, at $2.90 per diem, vice Henry Hawkins, transferred to the Melter & Refiner's department; this appointment to take effect June 1. 1876; and to be entered on the Coiner's Roll instead of Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. Curry is a skilled mechanic, entirely competent and worthy, and I submit his appointment for your approval under the 4th section of the Coinage Act.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

May 31st 6

Gentlemen

I hand you herewith Statement of Co Barrels Meeter & Refiners Sweeps for which your bid is respectfully requested. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight and Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint.

Please forward your bid on or before June 10th, and state the same without regard to weight.

Very Respectfully

H. C. Hinsdale

Asst Supt

E. Ballach & Son

Newark

N.J.

May 31st 6
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Gentlemen

I hand you herewith Statement of Cy Barrels Meeter & Refiners Sweeps for which you bid ex respectfully requested. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight and Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint.

Please forward your bid on or before June 10th and state the same without regard to weight.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

E Bassach & Son
Newark
N J
New York

May 6

Gentlemen

I hand you herewith statement of Co Brls. Mint Sweeps for which your bid is respectfully requested. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight and Sweeps delivered at the Mint.

Please forward your bid on or before June 10th and state the same without regard to the weight

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

R. Longmans Sons
31 John St.
New York

May 31st 6

Gentlemen

I hand you herewith statement of 6 o 1 Brls Mint Sweeps for which your bid is requested. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight, and Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint.

Please forward your bid on or before Sept 10th and state the same without reference to the weight.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

[illegible] Supt

Howard Mohle & Dwinge Supt

No 1. John St.

New York

May 31st 6

Gentlemen

I hand you herewith statement of 6 o 1 Bbls Mint Sweeps for which your bid is requested. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight, and Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint.

Please forward your bid on or before Sept 10th, and state the same without reference to the weight.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
[illegible] Supt

W. C. Waters [illegible]
Howard Mohle & [illegible]
No 1. John St.
New York

May 31st 6

Gentlemen:

I hand you herewith Statement of 60 Barrels Mint Sweeps for which your bid is respectfully requested. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight and Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint.

Please forward your bid on or before June 1st and state the same without reference to the weight.

Very respectfully

W. C. Waterman & Co.
17 John St.
New York

H. C. Hickoski
Acting Supt

May 31st 6

Gentlemen

I hand you herewith statement of 60 Pcs Sweeps for which your bid is respectfully requested. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight and Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint.

Please forward your bid on or before June 10th, and state the same without reference to the weight.

Very Respectfully
H C Wright
Supt

C. S. Dennis & Sons
38 & 40 Walnut St.
Newark
N.J.

		lbs.	oz dec	oz dec		
101 to 110	M & R's	4102	14955	257.28		
111 to 120	"	4130	43.671	280.12		
121 to 130	"	3951	5350	297.62		
131 to 140	"	4143	7116	401.44		
141 to 150	"	4531	5664	613.69		
151 to 160	"	4208	3945	473.50		
		25.065	80701		1501.41	
				2323.65	2891.01	4392.42

The above are Standard ounces

May 31

Sir

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint, with the following result,

Gold	$928.770.44
Silver	540.970.90
Ordinary a/c Reg	8.170.49
Minor Coinage	75.405.46
" Coins Exchanged	3.868.52
" " Reissued	15.388.00
" Coinage Redemption.	35.342.28
	$1.607.916.09

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination into the general condition

and operations of the Mint and the institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully
J. L. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 1 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Monthly Report of Coinage executed, for month ending May 31. 1876.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 1 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward

1. Statement of Gold and Silver of Domestic Production deposited during April 1876.
2. Statement of Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver bullion during April 1876.
3. Statement of Bars manufactured during April 1876.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 1 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, official oaths of Sarah W. Murphy, Adjuster, in the Coiners Department Thomas Gillespie, Cutter, in the Coiners Department John Gallagher, Jr. Roller, in the Coiners Department.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Reed
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 1st 6

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No. 6819 on Asst. Treas. U.S. in your favor, for Thirty One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Eight 23/100 Dolls (Gold Coin) in payment for Silver Bullion purchased from Bank of California.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pleasant
Supt

Messrs Laidlaw & Co.
12 Pine St.
New York

June 1st 6

Sir

I draw this day in favor of Laidlaw & Co. Check No. 6819 for Thirty One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Eight 23/100 Dollars, Gold Coin, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased from Bank of California.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Pollock
Supt

Hon. Thos Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

June 1st 6

Sir.

I enclose him with memorandums of 222. 297. 1st Std. Ops. Silver Dollars purchased by the United States from your institution for which settlement has been made (in accordance with your request) with Messrs. Ludlow & Co. No. 12 Pine St. New York.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Bank of California
San Francisco
Cal.

U. S. Mint. June 2. 1876.

The following report by the Assayer of the N. Y. Assay Office, of the assay of test coins issued by this Mint during May, has been handed to the Assayer, Coiner, and Melter & Refiner.

Denomination.	Weight.		Fineness.	
	Grains	Dec.	Gold.	Silver
Double Eagle	515.	9	900.1	9
Half Do	128.	9	900.	7
Quarter Do	64.	5.	900.1	9
One Dollar	25.	7	899.8	7
Half Do	192.	4	Trace	898.6
Quarter Do	97.	2	"	900.4
Dime	38.	4	"	901.1

James Pollock
Supt

per W. C. P.
Supts Clk

June 2 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Statement of Minor Coins Redeemed, Received and Exchanged, during May 1876.

Also, for the Secretary of the Treasury, Statement of Minor Coinage operations for the same month.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

June 2 6

Gentlemen.

Referring you for further information to the three enclosed circulars, I have to state in reply to your letter of May 31st, that the only coins which the Mint, under existing laws, can exchange for other money, are

1. Minor coins, for currency.
2. Subsidiary Silver coins, for gold coins.
3. Proof sets of the current year, for gold and silver, respectively, or the equivalent in currency.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Messrs. L. Pappenheimer & Co.
Cincinnati.
Ohio

June 26

Sir

I send you to day by the Adams Express, C.O.D. One gold and one silver medal ordered through you by the bills of Newport for Benjamin B. Howland.

I also transmit by Express for payment the following receipted bills for the same.

In gold coin

Gold Medal $51.25

In Silver coin

Silver Medal $3.38

In Currency

For dies (Barber) $125.00

" Medal case (Schlemmes) $2.50

I have to request that you will sign and return [illegible]

the duplicate medal vouchers enclosed, which I must file in the settlement of my accounts with the Treasury Department.

If the members of your City Councils or other friends of Mr. Howland wish to have copies of this medal in copper, bronzed, I can furnish them for fifty cents each, in currency, if not less than fifty be ordered.

The dies I hold subject to your order.

Very Respty

J. W. Ellis
Supt

David King, M. D.
Newport
R. I.

June 2 6

Sir

I have appointed Charles H. Davis, as a machinist in the General Department of this Mint, at $3.50 per diem, to take effect upon confirmation; and submit the same for your approval under the 4th section of the Coinage Act of 1873.

This addition to our working force is necessary.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

June 2 6

Gentlemen.

Being advised by an examining committee, and seeing for myself that the work of cleaning the north front, and the flanks of the Mint Building, has been completed according to contract, I have to request that you will call and receive payment of the contract price.

Very Respty
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Messrs.
Atkinson & Myhlertz.
22d St below Market
Philadelphia.

June 3 6

Sir

Your telegram and letter of the 2d inst have been received.

We have already begun the manufacture of quarters and will continue the same until the close of the fiscal year.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 3 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Official Oath of James M. Curry, Engineer, General Department of this Mint.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 3 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending June 3. 1876.

Very Respectfully

J. P. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 3 6

Sir

I find upon examination that our appropriations will not carry us through the fiscal year. We shall need $3,000. more for wages of workmen, and $7.000 for incidental expenses; and as heretofore authorized by you, I herewith forward my requisition for those amounts out of the silver coinage profits, and have to request that I may be favored with an early remittance of a draft for the total amount, ten thousand dollars, which I think will be sufficient to

meet

meet our necessities.

Very Respectfully.

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

A. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

June 3 6

Sir

I herewith forward my requisition for the sum of $820.087.59, for the service of this Mint during the present month of June, being the unexpended balance of our appropriations for the current fiscal year, under the following heads.

Salaries	$2.800 -
Wages	20.000 -
Incidentals	2.287.59

and am desirous of an early remittance of the amount.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

June 3 6

Miss. Blanch Carroll.

You have been appointed Adjuster in the Coiner department at $1.75 per diem, and will report for duty on the 6th inst. Tuesday next. You will take the enclosed oath before an Alderman, and bring it with you.

Very Respty

1153 So 12th
Phila

[illegible]
Supt

June 9 6

Sir

I have this morning received your letter of the 2d inst. and its enclosures from the Pacific coast with regard to the Selby silver, and upon conference with our Melter & Refiner, and Assayer to whom I submitted them I enclose herewith their respective opinions in writing, and entirely agree with the conclusions they have reached that while we can work the New York and Selby silver, the defective quality of both lessens the purity of our coinage and makes it impracticable for us to turn out

subsidiary silver coins as rapidly and well as we can and do with our own and the Pacific Refinery silver.

If the Department is willing to be patient with us, and submit to the delay inseparable from the use of bad silver, we will do the best we can with it, but if full and large returns of coinage and expected, without undue wastage and vexatious loss of time, we ought not to be required to work silver of inferior and intractable quality.

Whether a further trial of "Selby bars" should be made is a question for your decision under the facts stated. Correspondence herewith returned.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

June 5 6

Sir.

You have been appointed Machinist in the general department of the Mint, at $3.50 per diem, and will report for duty at once.

You will take the enclosed oath of office before an alderman, and bring it with you.

Very Respt.

Mr.
Chas. H. Lavis.
Phila.

[illegible]
Supt.

June 5 6

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 3d inst I herewith return Pope, Cole & Co's bill of March 9. 1870 for copper, duly receipted by the Mint Agent of the Adams Express Company.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 5 6

Sir

Yours of the 2d inst. offering certain coins for sale to the Mint, is at hand.

In reply would state that we do not wish to purchase them.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr
J. Bab.
250 E. Broadway.
New York.

June 6

Sir

I have increased the per diem of Lewis L. Leidy, Counter in Cashiers office, from $5. to $5.50, D. M. Evans, Assistant in Deposit Room, from $4 to $4.00, and Anthony Walker, Conductor, from $2.75 to $3.00, and submit the same for your approval, to take effect from the 1st inst.

All the above named are industrious, attentive to their duties, and deserve the increase proposed.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

A. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington.

June 5 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward official oath of Charles H. Lavis. Machinist in General Department this Mint.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 5th 6

Sir.

I hand you herewith my a/c of Ordinary Expenses for May 1876.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Elliot

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

June 6. 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Official Oath of Blanch Carroll, Adjuster, Coiners Department.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

on reconsideration
Not forwarded

June 6th 6

Sir

Referring to your of yesterday regarding the Transfer of $10.000.- Silver and Sly Coin to meet the expenses of the Silver Coinage for the current month, the query arises as to whether such sum may not be exchanged with the Asst Treasurer for a like sum of notes, in order that a uniformity of kind may be at hand to be used in the payments. Will you please advise, and if the suggestion is approved, authorize the exchange.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H.R. Linderman
Director of Mint
Washington
D.C.

Supt

Land 6 6

Sir

I herewith forward a detailed statement of 209,407.53 ozs silver bullion received at this Mint on Government account from the Bank of California, March 7 to May 29, 1876, inclusive; average fineness 998.5 d. Mint value $237,081.07.

A duplicate statement will be forwarded to the Bank of California

Very Respectfully
J. A. Elliott
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

June 6 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Statement of Silver Bullion received at this Mint from the Bank of California, from March 7. to May 29. 1876 inclusive.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Collins
Supt

Cashier,
Bank of California
San Francisco
Cal

June 6th 6

Sir

On the 27th ult. I enclosed to you a duplicate bill of the Adam Express Co. for the transportation of Silver, for the purpose of having the order of the Department attached thereto. Not having a reply, I respectfully invite your attention to the matter.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Colvocoresses
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

June 6 76

Sir

I herewith forward report of Official Postage Stamps used during the month of May 1876; also duplicate report of the same for the month of April last

Very respectfully
W. Todd
Superintendent

Hon B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

June 7 6

Sir

Your letter of the 5th inst is at hand.

United States coins, both gold and silver, contain 900 parts fine metal in 1000.

English gold coin contains 916⅔ parts gold in 1000, and the silver coins 925 parts silver in 1000.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr.
Wm B. Ross.
Piedmont
W. Va

June 7th 6

Sir

Per your request of yesterday I enclose vouchers for the loss charged on Sweeps sold for the previous Quarter.

I have marked these vouchers as duplicates, having a clear recollection of having prepared them, and was under the impression that they were tied up with the other papers in the box, though they may have been mislaid in the hurry to get the accounts transmitted to your office.

Very Respy Yours

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

June 6 6

Sir

I herewith inclose the Report of the Melter and Refiner of this "gold and silver melting" for the month of May, together with a copy of this letter relating to the same.

The results are highly satisfactory, and the amount of work done shows that our Melter and Refiner is anxious and determined to meet the requirements of the Department in the matter of silver coinage.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

June 8th 6

Sir

Enclosed please find my a/c. of Ordinary Expenses for May which should have been forwarded with the vouchers sent a few days since

Very Respectfully Yours

[illegible]
Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 8th 6

Gentlemen.

In reply to yours of yesterday, I have to inform you that bids for the Sweeps are requested on the entire lot of 60 Barrels without regard to the different lots.

We do not allow the privilege of drawing Samples, nor can we sell them at reweight. In bidding, state the highest sum you will give in full weight gold Coin, (Double Eagles) the Sweeps deliverable to you here.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt.

Messrs.
Howard Mohle & Devinne
No. 1 John St.
New York

June 8 6

Sir

I herewith forward to your office for payment the following bills for stone work and spittoons furnished for the U. S. Mint at Carson, viz. U. S. Mint at Philadelphia $17.00
Wm Dodge do 7.00

These articles were shipped some weeks ago, but the bills mislaid.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

June 9. 6

Sir,

The dies herewith sent you in the same box with this letter, are intended by the Director of the Mint, to be used only under the personal supervision of Mr. A. W. Downing, of the Phila Mint, who will report to you for that purpose in a few days. You will please keep the dies unused, until he arrives.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Gen. O. H. L'Orange
Supt U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal

June 9th 6

Sir

Pursuant to your instructions under date of April 20th, I enclose duplicate certificates of 369.709.73 ounces fine Silver received from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco being part of the purchase of 1.500.000. ounces, at 118 p fine.

As the shipments of the above Silver seem to be temporarily suspended, I thought it would meet your approval to have the quantity assayed transferred to the Bullion Fund

Very Respectfully Yours

[signature]
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

P.S.
$404.12 on the previous lot steel remains to be transferred to the Bullion Fund, the Transfer Order rec'd not meeting the amount certified to by that sum.

June 9th 6

I hereby certify that I have received from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, Cal. Three Hundred and Sixty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Nine 73/100 Ounces fine Silver, the value of which at $1.12½ per ounce fine is Four Hundred and Thirty Six Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Seven 48/100 Dollars, and that I hold the same subject to the order of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Exp. June. 369.709.73

$ 136.257.48

Superintendent.

June 9 6

Sir

The Superintendents of the respective Mints at Carson, and San-Francisco, have not yet drawn on me for the amount of their annual assay coins for the last calender year; the silver coins of the San Francisco Mint are yet in my hands, and both silver and gold of the Mint at Carson.

I urgently request that you will notify them to draw on me at sight, and enable me to close those two accounts, and relieve myself of any further responsibility with regard to them.

Hon.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

June 9 6

Sir

I herewith transmit through your office, for payment, two approved bills in duplicate, of Joseph Oat & Sons, April 20th, and May 31st last of $27.14 each, against the Treasurer U. S. for sheet copper furnished by them upon my order, for the counting boards &c made in this Mint by your direction for the U. S. Treasurer, and also for the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia.

I make no charge for the time and labor required for that work, but, as I suggested to you at the time,

materials procured outside of the Mint are not a legitimate charge upon our contingent fund but should be paid for by the Treasury Department

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 9th 6

Sir

In view of the fact that our Incidental fund of the Ordinary a/c. is quite exhausted, and bills are pressing for settlement, I would be much obliged if you would urge forward my requisitions for funds to meet the expenses of the current month.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 10th 6

Sir.

Enclosed please find memorandums of the result of 110.788.52 Standard ounces Silver Bullion rec'd from you on a/c of the 1.500.000. ounces to be delivered, a certificate for which has been forwarded to the Director of the Mint for settlement.

I beg to call your attention to an error in your bar stamps and invoice of Bar No. 2836. "C" Bullion, which has been corrected by the addition of 100 ozs. as will appear on the memorandum, Invoice No. 10.

Very Respectfully

[signature]
Supt.

Cashier
Nevada Bank
San Francisco Cal.

June 10 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending June 10. 1876.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 10 6

Sir

Your letters of the 28th ult. and 2d inst. in relation to the propriety of improving our coinage, particularly the silver coinage &c, have been received.

As requested I handed your letters to the operative officers and asked them to give me their views in writing. This has occasioned some delay, but I now enclose their replies, and for myself answer your inquiries and note your suggestions.

1. I agree with you that the sitting figure of Liberty on the silver coins should be abandoned and a classical Head of Liberty substituted.

I would also earnestly urge that the sitting figure of Liberty on the Trade Dollar be changed and some other device, either a classical Head of Liberty, or a sitting figure that had more artistic merit be substituted.

2. With the classical Head of Liberty substituted, the mottoes "E Pluribus Unum" and "In God we trust" could be well and properly retained. I confess that I would be unwilling to part with either of these mottoes. So far as the motto "In God we trust" is concerned I do most earnestly protest against its discontinuance from any of our coins on which it is now placed. The existing and

anequivical recognition of God on our coins has been almost universally approved. It is proper and becoming a christian nation.

3. I also agree with you that an olive wreath, branches crossed, with space for the denomination of the coin, would be more artistic and as national as the Eagle. I like the suggestion of Prof Booth that instead of the olive, the wreath might be of our native plants, such as the laurel, or rhododendron. Either would be better than the Eagle.

4. Two mottoes. I have already answered this, and believe that with a head of Liberty, and the wreath on the reverse, or the Heraldic Eagle, both mottoes could be finely brought up.

5 I have frequently given some attention to the placing of raised letters on the periphery of our coins,

and on this I fully agree with two of the operative officers, that it is not desirable, neither would it be any improvement or security to our coins. The proposed change would greatly impair the efficiency of our presses and retard the amount of coinage by the slower and tedious process required on such presses. The advantages, if any, (and I feel sure there are none) would not justify the expense of buying a foreign press for the purpose of experiment. The raised letters on the periphery of our coins are not, in my opinion, for any purpose, better or more artistic than the reeded edge. Besides frequent changes in the devices and structure of a nations coins, ought to, every consideration of public interest and convenience, to be avoided. Until the Austrian, or British, automatic machine for weighing finished

coins is thoroughly tested, and beyond doubt demonstrated a success, I would not advise the purchase of such machine, and the consequent abandonment of the present mode of adjustment, which has maintained its usefulness, and vindicated its superiority over all machines heretofore made, and which from the very nature of the work performed must ever be the true and only safe system of adjusting coins.

6. I would drop the coinage of the 20 ct piece - it is useless - also the 3 dollar gold piece. This coin is of no especial use, and not desirable. I would however recommend in this connection the restoration of the ½ dime or 5 ct silver piece, and abandon the 5 ct nickel coin. Silver is so abundant that all necessity for an inferior metal has passed away. During

the period necessary to supply a sufficient number of the 1/2 dimes, the nickel 5cts could by authority of Congress be reissued for a period of say five years. This matter is worthy of consideration.

7. Whilst our engraving is not perfect, and might be improved, I do not concur in the opinion of some, who hastily declare our coinage inferior to other countries. On the whole it is equal, and in some respects perhaps better; but if we improve our devices as proposed, and secure the best artists and use well the skill we have we can make our coinage not only unobjectionable, but equal, if not superior, to any in the world. If we could secure for our Engraving Department an artist of acknowledged skill - with talent to design and capacity to execute, such an artist, in addition to our present

force would be desirable. and a corresponding reduction after such increase, could also be made. In this matter I agree with you and concur fully in the opinion and views expressed in our communications on this subject. What has been said and suggested in the foregoing can be done under existing laws. The purchase of new presses, automatic weighing machines &c. will depend on the necessary appropriations.

I have already in a former communication, given it as my opinion, that a new and larger press for our coining room is wholly unnecessary. The large presses now there have been fully equal to the coinage of the Double Eagle and Trade Dollars, both as to amount of coinage and the force of power required to make a clear, distinct and well impressed coin. Such

purchase would be a useless and unnecessary expense.

Permit me to suggest the propriety of making the proposed new dollar of equal weight with the dollar used prior to the introduction of the Trade Dollar in 1873. The dollar prior to 1873 weighed 412 5/10 grains, the proposed dollar to weigh 412 8/10 grains, a difference of only 3/10 of a grain. Why multiply dollars of different weights?

We can make the new dollar with the proposed devices &c. a most creditable and artistic coin. It will give me pleasure to aid in securing such result.

All the foregoing suggestions are most respectfully submitted in answer to your letter.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

June 10 6

Sir

The silver quarter dollar enclosed in your letter of the 7th inst is a very badly executed, but genuine coin, from the Mint at Carson City Nevada. I herewith return one of our own quarters in its place. Gold and silver coins struck at the Carson Mint (except the dime) have the letters C.C (very small) under the eagle, and on the dime under the wreath, and coins made at the San Francisco Mint have the letter S, also very small. Coins from the Philadelphia Mint have no such mark.

E. G. Mayhew Esq. Very Respectfully

Milwaukee Wis

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

June 10 6

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E. G. Mayhew Esq. Very Respectfully

Milwaukee Wis

Jas. Pollock Supt.

June 10th 6

Sir.

Herewith please find my Transcripts of your a/c's for the week closing on this date.

With your approval, and for the purpose of covering the entire week's operations in your a/c's after auditing my Cashiers a/cs I propose rendering these statements at the beginning of each week, instead of at the end, but covering the same period as at present;

Very Respectfully Yours

J. W. Pollock
Supt

Hon. John C. New
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

June 12th 6

Sir.

I respectfully ask your attention to my letters of May 27th. ulto. and June 6th. in St. in reference to a duplicate bill forwarded to you for approval.

Very Respy Yours
J. W. Powell
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 12th 6

Sir,

At the request of the Director of the Mint, I herewith deliver to you two manuscripts and one letter and two photographs of Ludwig Seyss' automatic machine for testing the weight of blanks and coins; with a request, that you will examine and return them to me, with such suggestions as you may deem proper to make with regard to them.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

A. L. Snowden Esq.
Coiner.

June 13th 6

Gentlemen.

Your offer of .1102 cts per lb. for the 60 Barrels Melter & Refiners Sweeps, Nos 101 to 160, weighing 25.065 pounds, amounting to $2762 16 Gold Coin, is received and accepted. Please remit in Double Eagles (or Gold notes) of full legal weight, and order the removal of them as early as possible.

Very Respectfully Yours
H C Hickok
Acting Sup't

W. C. Waters & Co
No. 17 John St.
New York

June 13 6

Sir

Your letter of the 12th inst has been received, enclosing statement of 18 bars and one box fine silver purchased at the New York Assay Office on Government account, and forwarded to this Mint by the Adams Express Co.

The silver specified in the statement came to hand this afternoon.

Very Respectfully
H C Hiskok
Acting Supt

J. M. Lloyd. Esq
Acting Supt
U. S. Assay Office
New York.

June 13 6

Sir

The following dies, per your direction, have been forwarded in one sealed box to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, with a letter enclosed from the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, requesting General La Grange not to use the San Francisco dies until Mr. Downing arrived.

San Francisco dies.

Gold Dollar	1	obverse,	1	Reverse
Half	do	1	do	1	do
Quarter	do	1	do	1	do
Dimes		1	do	1	do

Carson dies.

Carson Dies.

Trade Dollar / Obverse, / Reverse
Half ~~Do~~ / Do / Do
Quarter Do / Do / Do
Dime / Do / Do

Duplicate Express receipt herewith endorsed.

Prof. Rogers and Mr Downing left for San Francisco, last evening.

Very Respectfully
H C Nichols
Acting Supt

Hon.
A.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 14. 6.

Sir,

The Mint is now out of 20 & pieces; and will most probably not coin any for some weeks to come. By order of the Treasury Department our presses are running exclusively on quarter dollars, which are most in demand just now.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Bolock
Supt.

H. C. Friedman, Esq
New York

June 14th 6

Sir.

Enclosed please find Transfer Order No. 3589 for $436.221.40 Silver Bullion, purchased from Nevada Bank of San Francisco, Cal, the same bearing my endorsement. This T.O. is $36.08 short of the certified amount, or $440.20 less than both certificates forwarded. I mention this, as it is not desirable to hold bullion unaccounted for, while passing thro' the processes, and would be glad if the difference could be conveyed to your Bullion Fund &c.

Hon. Jm. C. New
Treas. U.S.
Washington

Very Respectfully Yours
J. W. Collins
Supt

June 14th 6

Sir.

I respectfully enclose herewith two duplicate bills of the Express Co. for transportation of Silver, the orders for the payment of which I will thank you to enter on the back, and return for filing.

Very Respectfully

[signature]
Supt

Hon. A. L. Lindeman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 14th 6

Sir.

Your statement of my Disbursing a/c. to the 25th. ulto, is correct.

Very Respectfully Yours.

Jas. Colwell
Supt

Hon. Tho. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

June 14 6.

Sir,

The newspaper paragraph enclosed in your letter of the 12th inst. & herewith returned, is a "Canard." Up to this date the Mint has coined $8,622,862 00/100 in quarter dollars alone, since the first of January, last, all of them, of course, bearing the date, 1876; and we are now turning out quarter dollars as rapidly as the coining presses can strike them.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock

Supt

W. C. Fitzsimmons, Esq.
Tecumseh, Mich.

June 14 6

Hereafter every report of Bullion deposited must be carefully examined by both the Weigh Clerk and his assistant Mr. W. S. Steel, and each report must be vouched for by the initials of the Weigh Clerk and Mr. Steel on the left hand margin, before the report is sent up to the Assayer.

This regulation must be observed in every instance.

J. W. Pollock
Superintendent.

June 14 6

Mr H. H. Lindenmann

Directed to be

Sir,

I have to thank you an examination of the document from the Brussels Mint, herewith returned. The Assayers of that Mint enjoy such a high reputation that their favorable report upon our coin is very gratifying; and especially as it is so elaborate.

It gives us renewed satisfaction, that we have recently been able to do full justice to their coins also.

Very respectfully

J. A. Pearl
Deputy

The papers herewith returned
J. P. Supt.

June 16. 6

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 13th inst. has been received. Your suggestions with regard to the use of the seat and name of Washington, Franklin, & other renowned men of the Revolution upon our coins, are but a repetition of proposals made frequently from the first establishment of the Mint, and always rejected as anti-republican. It has become the settled policy of the Government, whilst using coinage devices emblematic of Liberty

and our peculiar Nationality, never to use the profile or name, of any individual, living or dead, however pre-eminent in our history, or revered by our people.

The 20 ¢ piece was added to the list of coins at the instance of Senator Jones of Nevada, for the accommodation of the profile of the Pacific coast, but as it is not popular there, or anywhere else, except as a curiosity, it will probably be abolished by the present Congress.

Acknowledging the compliment of your communication, I remain

Yours Very Truly

J. A. Pollock

Supt

Prof Saml Ingfallow
Cambridge Mass

June 15th 6

Gentlemen.

I have received your letter & telegram of yesterday, suggesting that an error exists in my statement of the Amount offered, and in consequence of which you amend your offer from .1102½ to .0902½ per lb.

Permit me to say that there appears to be no error in the statement, but a misinterpretation on your part as to the valuation of the silver to the U. S. and which need not influence you in bidding. The U.S. values the gold and silver at the coinage rate in standard (not fine) ounces; your bid is requested on the amount as to their value to you but

but payment to be made in Gold Coin.

80.$\frac{701}{}$ Std. ozs. Gold mill Coin $1.501.41
2323$\frac{65}{}$ Do. Silver Do. 2891.01

the former at the legal rate of 43 Std ounces making $800.— ; the latter at the rate of 803$\frac{75}{}$ Std. ounces making $1000— in 50¢, 25¢. etc. or about $1.25 to the ounce Std.

I make this explanation as it seems due to you, and in the hope that you may not recede from your original bid, which is but little more than the next best (2) bids received.

Please reply finally one at once, as the sweeps are occupying important room here, now badly needed.

Very Respectfully Yours
[signature]
Supt.

W. C. Waters & Co.
No. 17 John St.
New York

June 15 6

Sir

I herewith enclose our Assayers report of this date of his assays of silver coins from Ecuador, forwarded by you for that purpose on the 9th inst. I also return the documents, two in number, enclosed in your letter to me of that date.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Form 20.

Mint U.S.
Philada June 16th 1876

Sir.

I have received your statement of my disbursing account dated May 31st, and find the balance therein reported to be correct.

I have also examined the numbers, dates, and amounts of the debit and credit entries therein reported, and the same agree with my records.

Very respectfully,

A. Loud
Supt

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York, N. Y.

June 16 6

Sir

I enclosed herewith I forward C/D in duplicate of the 10th inst, No. 98, in your favor, from the Asst Treasurer at Philadelphia to the credit of the Treasurer U. S. for $222 88/100 gold coin, on a/c of duties on imports, being the net proceeds of the recoinage of $224. light coin forwarded by you on the 10th inst, as per your letter to me of that date. Please acknowledge receipt.

Mint memorandum No. 667 also enclosed.

Jos. C. Abbott, Esq. Coll. of Customs. Wilmington N. C.

Very Respectful

J. W. Ross
Esq.

June 16 6

Sir

In compliance with your telegram of this date, I have given directions to make some half dollars before closing for settlement.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 17th 6

Gentlemen.

Your bid for Co Bros. Mint Sweeps, Nos. 101 to 160, $2637.87 is received and accepted.

Please remit proceeds as Conditioned and remove the Sweeps at an early day.

Very Respectfully

J. R. Pogue

Supt

Messrs. C. J. Dennis & Sons
38 & 40 Walnut St.
Newark
N. J.

June 17 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending June 17. 1876.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 19 6

Sir

Yours of the 16th inst. has been received.

The case of coins and medals referred to was placed in its present position by my representatives acting under authority vested in me by Mr. Taylor, Comptroller of the Currency, after careful consideration, as being the most desirable location and as that department was arranged the only proper one. The objection to putting it in the corner against the wall is that the light would not fall properly upon the case, and consequently the contents be obscured and the display

of the coins and medals demin-
ished. As to placing the case
with its back toward the
entrance that would interfere
with its safety, the guard not
being able to keep a proper
oversight of the contents.

Wishing to oblige you in
any way consistent I suggest
that the matter rest as it is at
present until you shall again
visit this city, when I will
go with you to the building
and see what can be done.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Ruoch
Supt

Wm. A. Potter, Esq
Supervising Architect
[illegible]

June 19 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward.

1. Statement of Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion during the month of May 1876.

2. Statement of Gold and Silver of Domestic Production deposited during May 1876.

3. Statement of Gold and Silver Bars manufactured during May 1876.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

June 19 6

Sir

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst with its unwarrantable imputations upon the integrity of the officers and employes of the Mint, I herewith send you a medal circular, to which I invite your special attention.

The Medal Department of the Mint is established by Act of Congress for the accommodation of the public in the manufacture and sale of proof coins and certain classes of medals, at a profit to the Govt.

Proof coins are struck on a hand press from highly polished dies specially prepared for that purpose and are always sold at a higher

price than their nominal value. They are much sought after by coin collectors, and others who want fine specimens of U. S. coins than those struck on the steam presses. Three dollars and a half is the present price, when paid in currency, of a proof set of silver, nickel and bronze coins. That amount was properly demanded and received by my subordinate for the set sold to your son.

Very Resptly

J. A. Snowden
Supt

Dr. E. F. Sanger.
Bangor
Me

June 19th 6

Sir

Please draw your Transfer Order for Twenty Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars, to reimburse you for Coins withdrawn from the Redemption Fund and reissued.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Pollock
Supt

Hon. Jno C. New
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

June 19 6

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 10th inst. I herewith forward a communication from Mr. Snowden, our boiner, giving his views with regard to Mr. Seyss's machine for assorting planchets and coins by weight.

The photographs and papers sent by you are retained by the boiner for further examination, subject to your order.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Leech
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

June 20 6

Sir

You will please prepare without delay, the following dies for the Mint at Carson.

Quarter Dollar.		Obverse	12
do	do	Reverse	12
Half	do	Obverse	18
do	do	Reverse	12

Very Reptly

Jas Pleasel
Supt

Mr Barber. Esq
Engraver

June 20 6

Sir

You will please furnish me with a Statement showing the diameter and exact thickness of each gold and silver coin of the United States.

Very Resptly

Jas. Polcock
Supt

A. L. Snowden. Esq
Coiner

June 20 6

Sir

The ore sent by you yields the unexpected result of two hundred and thirty five ounces of silver per ton of 2000 lbs. by two assays Silver at present is worth 116 2/3 cents in gold at the Mint per oz fine.

There is simply a trace of gold.

Mint charge, five dollars, paid.

Respty Yours

[illegible]
Supt

Mr. John Newton
Fort Elliott
Texas.

June 20 6

Sir

Yours of the 19th inst is at hand.

The report you mention is without foundation in fact a large number of 25¢ pieces having been coined and issued this year, amounting to millions.

Very Res. Stg.

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Amos Youmans. Esq
Asst Cashr. 1st Nat Bk.
Fulton
N. Y.

June 20 6

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 19th inst, I herewith forward a statement of the diameter and thickness of the coins of the United States.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Cowlock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

[illegible]

June 21. — 6

C. S. Dennis & Sons,
No. 38 Walnut Street,
Newark, N. J.

Do you want the sixty barrels of [illegible]. Answer.

Jas. Pollock
[illegible]

Pd. Govt rate

June 21st 6

Gentlemen.

Your telegram in reply to mine of this date is received. As the Sheeps are occupying valuable space, I would be glad if you could remove them on Friday next, in order to give us room for other lots following.

Very Respectfully Yours

Supt

C. S. Dennis & Son
Newark
N. J.

June 21st 6

Sir,

Your letter of the 20th inst. received.

Invoices #10 & 11 for Double Eagles and Trade Dollars will be paid before the close of the current fiscal year.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Lynch
Supt.

Thos. C. Acton Esq.
Supt. U.S. Assay Office
New York

June 21st 56

Sir,

I duly received your letter of the 19th inst., in reference to sending a competent adjuster of Scales and Weights to the Mint at San Francisco, either permanently or for a few months.

As our Mr. Tompkins cannot be spared for that purpose, I had an interview on the subject with Mr. Henry Troemner of this city, who informs me that there is now in the San Francisco Mint, a Mr. Williams, who would, with a little instruction, make an excellent adjuster of Scales and Weights; and he offers to send a competent person from his establishment for this purpose, or go himself to San Francisco, at the compensation stated in your letter.

Since leaving my office, Mr. Troemner has sent me his proposition in writing, which I herewith enclose, and believe you will regard it as satisfactory.

I will take occasion to put some suitable person in training for adjuster, whose services may be available in case of Mr Tompkins' illness or absence.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Powell

Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D. C.

June 22d 6

Gentlemen.

In reply to yours of yesterday I beg to inform you that through the tardiness of one of the bidders for the sweeps offered I have been prevented from finally announcing the decision. I will probably be able to give you a definite answer in the course of 2 or 3 days.

Regretting to be obliged to delay the result, and with thanks for your offer;

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas Powell Supt

R. Longman & Son
New York

June 22 6

Sir

I herewith forward b/d of the 21st inst in duplicate, No. 100, from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, in favor of Cyrus Northrop, Collector of Customs at New Haven, to the credit of the Treasurer U. S. for $189.02 coin, on a/c of duties on imports, being the net proceeds of the recoinage of $191, light gold coin forwarded by you for that purpose on the 16th inst, as per your letter of that date. I will thank you for a special acknowledgement of this remittance, as my voucher. I also enclose Mint Memorandum No. 686.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

E. Pendleton Esq
Dep. Coll of Customs.
New Haven. Ct.

June 23 6

Sir

The position of the head of Liberty on the $20. gold piece has not been as central on that coin as was desirable. Portions of the head also came in too close contact with some of the stars. To remedy these defects our Engraver in fitting up a new hub has endeavored to make the head more central and avoid the contact with the stars. The alterations proposed would escape the notice of an ordinary observer, yet they are worthy of some consideration. I enclose herewith a copper $20. piece, old hub and die, and one from the proposed hub

If, after examination, you should be of the opinion that the alterations suggested are of sufficient importance to be adopted, and would improve the appearance of the Head of Liberty, you will so signify and order, we will cause the change to be made. This does not change the devices, only slightly their position and therefore I think the power to do so is clearly with yourself and the Secretary.

The letters in the base of the head, "J. B. L." showing Mr. Longaker to be the designer, are omitted from the specimen sent, for want of punches, but should you approve what is now submitted, they will be placed on the head as now in the original die.

Very

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Telegram

June 23. 6.

Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Pure bullion amounts to four hundred and forty three thousand, Eight hundred and one Dollars 54/100. Have Gold three hundred and ninety thousand four hundred and ninety nine 60/100 dollars in New York. Please arrange at once

J. A. Powell
Supt. Mint

Lund 23 6

Sir

Acknowledging the receipt this morning of your letter of the 20th inst, and calling your special attention to the medal circular herewith enclosed for your information, I have to state, in reply, that you was correctly charged $3.50 in currency for the proof set of silver and nickel coins bought at the time of your visit to the Mint, that being the price fixed when paid in currency.

The medal department of the Mint is established by law, and the specimen coins it furnishes to those who want them, are not the ordinary commercial coins of our steam presses, but are struck

on hand presses from polished dies, specially prepared for that purpose. They are worth more than their nominal value, and the profits arising from their manufacture and sale are paid into the U. S. Treasury. They are made for coin collectors and others who want fine specimens of U. S. coins for their cabinets. They are issued for the accommadation of the public, and upon a strictly legal basis.

Regretting your unjust imputations upon the integrity of the officers and employes of the Mint, who are not inferior in character and standing to the officers and members of your Young Mens Christian Assn. I am

J. D. Blake Esq
Rochester. Min.

Yours very Respty
J. A. Pollock
Supt

London 6

Sir

In the event of the failure of Congress to make timely appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year - which I see by the morning papers is now regarded as inevitable - what will be the position of the Mint after the 30th inst. and what arrangement can be made to carry on its operations in whole or in part from the 1st of July? Can our running expenses be provided for out of the silver coinage profits, or must we suspend operations. There is no little solicitude here on this subject and I

will be obliged to you for as early and definite instructions with regard to it, as it may be in your power to give.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
Dc.

June 23 6

Sir

Yours of the 20th inst is at hand.

There is no standard fineness in this country for articles of gold manufactured. It is common to stamp them 16 or 18 Karats, the latter being the legal standard in some parts of Europe. But generally, watch cases &c made here are not higher than 16 Karats, and often 14 Karats. Gold rings and chains, 12 to 14. Cheap articles down to 8 Karats, and even lower. We are in need of a law, and a legal assay, for jewelry. U. S. gold and silver coins are of standard fineness that is, 900 parts fine metal & 100 parts alloy.

Very Respty

J. W. Colloch

Jas Graham. Esq
Chicago. Ills.

June 23d 6

Gentlemen.

Your offer for the 60 Brls. Sweeps is respectfully declined. Will have further lots to offer in a short time.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Quoit
Supt

R. Longmans Sons
New York

June 23 @ 6

Gentlemen.

Your bid for 60 Bbls.
Sweeps is respectfully declined.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Sup't

E. Balbach & Son
Newark
N. J.

June 23rd 6

Sir

I telegraphed you this day to the effect that the amount of funds on deposit with the Asst. Treas. at New York subject to my check is insufficient to meet the cost of the Coin bullion purchased from the Nevada Bank, the value of which has just been reported for settlement. You will in due time be furnished with a detailed statement of the result of our assay of this bullion, but for the purpose of giving you more light upon the subject than could be well conveyed in a telegram, I beg to state that the balance

has

hand in New York stands at $390.499.61
The Doré Bullion Assays-

Std. Oz.	Gold	11.778.544	$ 219.135.70
Do.	Silver	222.639.23	228.928.79
		Total	$ 448.064.49

Parting Charge, 2¢ per Oz. on 213.147.70 Gross Ounces — 4262.95

Amount due Nevada Bk. — $ 443.801.54

or $ 53.301.93 more than we have funds in N.Y. to meet.

I suppose you will, without delay, put us in position to pay for the above bullion before the settlement commences, in order that our accounts may not be encumbered.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Cancelled

Cancelled

Telegram

(Copy)

June 24. 6

Prof. R. E. Rogers
U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.
With Pacific or New York refined
silver the average of bad and blistered
ingots returned by Comer is less than
ten per cent. With half Selby and
half Pacific the average returned
is fifteen per cent. By previous

melting of Selby pig, or by re-
melting Selby clippings, it is
nearly as good as Pacific.

(Signed) Jas. C. Booth
M & B

(Pd. Govt. cates)

Telegram

(Copy)

June 24. 6

Prof. R. E. Rogers, U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

With Pacific or New York refined silver, the average of bad and blistered ingots returned by Coiner is less than ten per cent. With Selby silver alone the average returned is ~~[illegible]~~ about 20 per cent. With half Selby

— and half Pacific, the average returned is 15 per cent. By previous melting of Selby pig, or by remelting Selby clippings, it is nearly as good as Pacific.

(Signed) Jas. C. Booth
M.A.R.

June 24 6

Sir

Enclosed I forward copy of a telegram sent this morning by our Melter and Refiner to Prof. Rogers, San Francisco, with regard to the quality of the Silver as per your directions of the 22d inst. Prof. Rogers' telegram to you, enclosed in your letter, is herewith returned, as requested.

Very Respectfully

A. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

June 26 6

Sir

The mineral you send is an iron ore, showing no appearance of the kind that contains nickel.

If you wish it assayed for that metal, you will have to apply to some analyst in that line, as we do not examine ores for nickel.

Yours respy

J. Lawrence
Asst

Mr R. L. Perkins
Rutland
Vt.

June 26 6

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 24th inst has been received.

We can only receive your Trade Dollars as Bullion, and have them cast into bars, at the usual charges.

Very Respty

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Messrs.
S Goldstein & Co.
Washington
D.C.

June 26 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending June 26. 1876

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

June 27. 6

Geo. A. Smith
Boston, Mass.
Your medals will be forwarded today.

Jas Pollock
Supt Mint

(Collect)

Telegram

June 27. 6

W. G. White
Acting Asst Pres. U.S. New York
Your receipt of yesterday reads
One hundred thousand dollars
in words, and one hundred and
twenty thousand in figures.
Which is correct

H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt. Mint

[illegible]

June 27th 6

Gentlemen

Enclosed please find Check No. 6820 on the Asst. Treasurer U.S. for Four hundred and Forty three thousand eight hundred and one 54/100 Dollars, Gold Coin, being payment for 234.417 774 Std. Oz. Coin Bullion purchased from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, Cal.

Very Respectfully

[illegible] Dep't

Messrs. Eugene Kelly & Co
New York

June 27th 6

Sir.

I draw this day in favor of Eugene Kelly & Co. Check No. 6820 for $4443.80 1/2 Gold Coin, being payment in full for 1 Doz Bullion purchased from Nevada Bank of San Francisco Cal.

Very Respectfully

[redacted] Supt

Asst Treas Treas U.S.

New York

June 27th 6

Sir.

Enclosed please find Memorandums of Mint Assay and check of Ore Bullion received from your institution, for which a check has been forwarded this day to your agents in New York, Messrs. Eugene Kelly & Co.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Melting Supt

Cashier

Nevada Bank

San Francisco

Cal.

June 29 6

Sir

The monthly statement of boinage will be forwarded to you immediately after the last delivery, as requested in your letter of the 28th inst.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pleasant
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.

June 29 6

Sir

Your two mineral specimens have been assayed and found to contain barely a trace of silver, of no value.

The usual Mint charge is six dollars for the two, (in some cases ten dollars for two) of which $5.00 is received; but the result being as above, nothing further need be sent.

Very Respectfully.

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Messrs.
Whiteford & Greenough.
Denver
Col

June 29 6

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 14th inst I herewith forward three wax impressions of Trade dollar dies, together with an explanatory letter from our Engraver.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

June 30. 6

Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.
Cases for life saving medals
go by express today
Jas. Pollock
Supt Mint

pd. Gov't rates

U. S. Mint.

Phila June 30. 1876

The following report of the Supt of the Assay Office New York of the result of the assay of test coins reserved at this Mint during the month of June 1876. has been handed to the Assayer Coiner, and Melter & Refiner. Viz.

Denomination	Weight.		Fineness.	
	Grns.	Dec.	Gold.	Silver
Double Eagle.	516.	1	900	8
Trade Dollar	420.	41	.2	900.1
Half do	193.	49	Trace	900.5
Quarter do	96.	96	"	900.5

James Pollock
Supt

for
[illegible]

Land 80 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Monthly Report of Coinage executed for month of June 1876.

Also, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending July 1. 1876.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Hon

A. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

June 30 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward b/d No. 2983. of this date, for $20.000. from the Asst. Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, in my favor, deposited on account of Mixed Coinage Profits.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Wood

Supt.

Hon.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D. C.

Lundo 6

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 18th of May last, in which you say that you send by that mail, a package containing three samples of argentiferous ore for assay &c. I now inclose the report of our Assayer, which contains the information desired.

The ore was received on the 19th of May last and the delay in assaying is explained in the report of the Assayer.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

June 30 1876

Hon: James Pollock
Superintendent &c &c

Sir

I will thank you to report to the Director of the Mint, the following results of assays, of three mineral Specimens, sent by a Collector of Customs in Texas, to the Treasury Department; received at the Mint May 19th.

They proved to be somewhat alike in composition, containing lead in the conditions of sulphide, sulphate, and carbonate; but differing in percent. of lead, and much more in yield of silver.

No. 1 contains metallic lead, 44 per cent.
2 " " " 24½ "
3 " " " 38 "

No. 1 contains silver, two hundred ounces (200 ozs.) per ton of the mineral, of 2000 lbs.

No. 2 contains silver, seventeen ounces (17 ozs.) per ton of the mineral;

No. 3. contains silver, twenty eight ounces (28 ozs.) per ton of the mineral.

The value of silver being unsettled, I prefer to report in ounces.

This report has been delayed, partly by pressure of Mint Work, and partly by the demand for lead analysis, which is out of our usual routine.

Very respectfully
Wm E DuBois
Assayer

July 1st 6

Sir

Enclosed I hand you an a/c. of the loss incurred by the recoinage of light gold Coins, which by direction of the Treasurer of the U.S. I respectfully transmit to you for settlement.

Very Respectfully

Supt

The Hon.
the Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

July 1 6

Sir

Yours of the 30th ult is at hand.

The Mint does not deal in ores. You can address Phillips & Jacobs, Manufacturing Chemists, No. 8. North 7th St. who no doubt would reduce it for you. and return proceeds.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pleasant
Supt

Mr
S. H. Martin
Martinsburg
W Va

July 1 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Statements of Gold and Silver melting, and Bullion Operations in the Melter and Refiners Department for the month of June 1876.

Very Respectfully
[illegible] Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 3 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Statement of Minor Coins Redeemed Reissued and Exchanged, for month of June 1876.

Also, Statement of Minor Coinage Operations for month ending June 30. 1876, for the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

(Telegram) Philadelphia July 5th 4

Hon H. R. Linderman. Dir. U. S. Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Silver bullion about six hundred and twenty five thousand ounces.

J. V. Pollock
Supt

July 5 6

Sir

Yours of the 29th of June has been recvd.

All bullion recvd by Express is deposited by Mr. Geo. C. Thompson, agent of Adams Express Co in the Mint, in his name, who returns the proceeds to the depositor. This was done in your case, and accounts for his name appearing on the memorandum. No mistake has been made. It is in full accordance with the rules and regulations of the Mint. Mr Thompson acts as agent for all who do not make their deposits in person.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock
Supt

Mr. J. H. Mellusich
Bloomington
Ill.

(Telegram)

Phil. U.S. Mint. July 5th 6

Hon. H. R. Linderman, Dir. U.S. Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Fine Silver bullion due from Nevada Bank over five hundred and fifty three thousand ounces.

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

July 5 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith
a forward Report of Mint
Coins Redeemed, Reissued and
Exchanged for Fiscal year
ending June 30. 1876.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
B. K. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 6 . 6

Sir

Yours of the 3d inst has been recvd.

No Centennial memorial coin or token has been authorized by Congress, and the prospect is that none will be. Should such a piece be ordered the public will be notified.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Mr.
August Blum.
Chicago
Ill

July 6 6

Dear Sir

Although the price, $200, which you name for complete iron castings for the last refining of gold, appears to be quite full, and although this City holds the most distinguished place for iron castings, yet as it is desirable for us to be ready as soon as practicable for refining the gold extracted from the Doré silver, and as it would be very costly for us to hand new patterns made if we are to make our own castings, & as it advantages to the Government that the purchase should be made of the said castings as for your telegram of the 3rd of June to the Director of the Mint

But as there is no money appropriated for such purchase, the Director will be able to suggest some mode of payment and if so, will, I presume, direct the castings to be bought and sent here.

Very Respectfully
J. C. Pond
Supt

Prof.
R. E. Rogers.
San Francisco
Cal

P.S.

Your telegram of the 30th ult was referred to me by the Director for reply, and therefore the above.

JP

July 6 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward copy of letter to Prof. R. E. Rogers, at San Francisco, in relation to the purchase of complete iron castings for refining gold at this Mint as per endorsement on his telegram to you of the 30th of June last.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pollock
Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
Dc.

July 6th. 6

Sir

I enclose herewith my a/c. of expenses for a/c. of Manufacture of Subsidiary Coin, for June 1876.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon. H. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jun 7th 6

Sir.

Yours of yesterday enclosing bills of Messrs Stier and Eckfeldt is rec'd.

I beg to inform you that the Contingent fund is totally exhausted, and have therefore to ask for instructions as to the payment of Mr. Stier's bill.

Very Respectfully Yours
J. A. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 6

Sir

The undersigned in accordance with Section 50 of the Coinage Act of 1873, and the Director's Circular of July 27. 1874, do hereby certify that we have inspected and caused to be regulated all the Troy weights ordinarily employed in the transactions of this Mint, according to the legal standard weights, corresponding to the standard Troy pound of the Mint of the United States, and do report that the said Troy weights in ordinary use correspond to the said legal standard weight, and the requisite subdivisions and multiples thereof.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Hon.

R. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

July 8 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed, for week ending July 8. 1876.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 8th 6

Gentlemen.

Yours of yesterday received, as also ten bags said to contain 12.233 95 ozs. Silver Bars.

I will endeavor to remit proceeds of the above in Trade Dollars, on Friday next at the latest, but earlier if possible. We have not Trade Dollars enough to meet your order at once. Cannot say why your Assay Office should require so much time, unless it be that prior orders take precedence.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. A. Roberts
Supt

J. B. Colgate & Co.
47 Wall St.
New York

Telegram.

July 10th

Exch[illegible]ge Bank. Denver, Col

Payo[illegible] Trade Dollars for Silo[illegible]
[illegible]tion. Charge one and a quarte[illegible]
[illegible] cent[illegible] a piece, and small refinin[illegible]
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Superintendent

July 10th 6

Sir:

I have received your statement of my disbursing account dated June 30th and find the balance therein reported to be correct

I have also examined the numbers dates, and amounts of the debit and credit entries therein reported, and the same agree with my records.

Very respectfully,

J. A. Lillie
Superintendent

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York

July 10 6

Sir

The Mint does not pay a premium on old copper cents.

I enclose you circular on the subject of the purchase &c of minor coins of the U. S. by the Mint.

Very Respt Ly

Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr.
Jas L. Smith.
Washington
D.C.

July 10 6

Sir

Yours of the 8th inst has been recvd.

We can furnish you with one or two hundred thousand trade dollars in or about three weeks after we receive the fine silver from your Office. We can do this without interfering a great deal with the subsidiary coinage, which the Govt requires to be pushed with energy.

Very Respectfully

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Supt

J. M. Floyd. Esq
Acting Supt U.S. Assay Office
New York.

July 10 6

Sir

When I received your telegraphic instructions of the 7th inst. we had already resumed operations, and have continued to push the coinage of subsidiary silver to full capacity.

In the absence of regular appropriations, am I, under the pressure of circumstances, at liberty to make any payments on account of salaries and wages, or either of them, out of the monies received from the silver coinage profits? Directions from you on this point, at your early convenience, will be very acceptable.

Very

Very Respectfully
J. W. Ellsworth
Supt

Hon.
N. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

July 11th 6

Sir

Your deposit of Gold Bullion is recd and will be assayed and proceeds remitted as requested. I enclose a circular for your guidance in future, and will always give separate Assay memo's when the deposit reaches $100.— Please adhere to the regulations as set forth in the circular.

Very Respy

J. D. Pollock

Supt

Second Nat. Bank
Santa Fe.
New Mex

July 11 6

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 10th inst has been recvd

We have a demand from the New York Assay Office for about two hundred thousand Trade Dollars which we can furnish in about 10 days after we receive their fine silver. When this order is filled, we can turn out Trade Dollars for you at the rate of about thirty thousand a day. If your silver bars come to hand before the bullion of the Assay Office is received, we can make returns before they served.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Messrs.
J & S. Wormser.
New York.

July 11 6

Sir

In compliance with your directions of June 19th. I have to day forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson the following dies, and herewith enclose the Express receipt.

12 obverse quarter dollars
12 reverse do do
18 obverse Half do
12 reverse do do

I enclosed what our Engraver has to say about Superintendent Crawfords complaint in his letter to you of June 12th about alleged defects in former dies. The trouble is no doubt owing to their unskilful use of the dies.

Very

Very Respectfully
Jas. Ellicott
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 12 6

Sir

I herewith forward a quarter dollar of our own coinage in exchange for the split quarter enclosed in your letter of the 11th inst.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 12th 6

Sir

I respectfully call your attention to my letter of the 7th inst. respecting the bill of Mr Stier received there for payment; no reply having been received at this writing.

Very Respectfully

Your

Sup't

Hon. H. R. Lindeman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 12 6

Sir

We have orders for Trade Dollars, received before the arrival of your letter, that I have promised to deliver by the 1st of August. I suppose it would be better to complete these deliveries. With these exceptions I shall confine our silver coinage entirely to subsidiary coins, as directed in your letter of the 11th inst. and inform depositors for Trade Dollars that it is uncertain when the Mint will be able to furnish them.

Very Respectfully

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

Supt

July 13th 6

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of yesterday covering Coin Check for $1000 - and to inform you that the gold dollar pieces will go forward this day.

Very Respectfully

J. S. Pollock
Supt

Hon. A. U. Wyman
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

July 13th

Sir

Yours of yesterday refering to the
of Mr. Stier is received, and under
instructions therein given I ha
paid the amount and charged
same to the Sub Dy. Silver Coin a/c.
which authority I have been waiti
for in reply to my letter of the 7th inst.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jno. A. Scott
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.